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ENEMY TROOPS ON MARCH TO BURMA ROAD, SAYS BERLIN REPORT

LONDON, December 9.

The Berlin radio claims that Japanese troops in Thailand are marching inland towards the Burma Road. There is no confirmation of this report.

The Thai forces have resumed hostilities against Japanese troops, announces the Singapore radio. The report, however, is not confirmed.

An official warning from Washington says that hostile planes are two hours distant from New York.

An official statement issued in Washington says that there is no truth in the report that Japanese parachutists landed in the Philippines.

The Japanese are reported to have made a fresh landing in North Malaya. British reinforcements have been rushed to the spot.

Heavy fighting is still going on in North Malaya between British and Japanese forces and the position is still confused. British reinforcements should reach the area during the day.

The claim made in Tokyo that Japanese troops are now attacking the Singapore area is denied in an Official statement issued in Singapore.

The Official denial adds that there is absolutely no truth in Japanese and German reports that a fresh landing has been effected further south in Malaya. Kotabahru is the prime objective of the Japanese land operations.

A famous Indian unit is among the forces that are engaging the Japanese.

ENEMY ATTACKS ON NORTH MALAYA

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Following their heavy attacks on Hawaii on Sunday, the Japanese have made numerous air raids on the Philippines, Wake and Guam islands and other American bases in the Pacific.

In Thailand the Japanese claim to have entered the capitol Bangkok, and have been granted permission for the passage of troops.

Heavy Japanese attacks in Northern Malaya near the Thai border have been completely repulsed at some points but severe fighting for the Kota Bahru aerodrome raged on Monday night and still continues. The Japanese are employing many aircraft in this sector, and 25 more transports escorted by warships have been sighted moving down the Thai coast towards Malaya.

British reinforcements are expected to reach that area to-day.

There has been an air raid warning in San Francisco and along the Pacific Coast and the Canadian Air Force is standing by in British Columbia.—Reuter.

Out For Control Of North Malaya

SINGAPORE, Dec. 9.

"The fullest co-operation between the A. B. C. D. Powers in the Far East has been manifested in these first two days of the conflict", declares a communique issued to-day (Tuesday). It adds: "It is yet too early to forecast what the Japanese main plan is, but there are indications that following the collapse of resistance in Thailand and the heavy scale of his air effort from bases in Indo-China he is prepared to engage considerable forces in an endeavour to obtain control of Northern Malaya. This move was always foreseen to be a likely one and the dispositions of our forces before the outbreak of war were designed to meet it".

JAPANESE AT IT AGAIN

LONDON, Dec. 9.

It is learned in authoritative quarters that following the mopping up operations mentioned earlier, the enemy made further attempts at landings in Malaya.

Nothing is known in London

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SPARE GAS AND SAVE HUMANITY

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The British Government, it is stated in London to-day (Tuesday) have sent messages to Japan, Finland, Hungary and Rumania informing them that the British Government intends to comply strictly with the terms of the Gas Protocol of the Geneva Convention of June 17th 1925 and asking for assurances from them that they intend to do the same. —Reuter.

Tall Japanese Claims

Attacks On Singapore And British Air Bases In Malaya

TOKYO, Dec 9

The army section of the Japanese imperial headquarters declare that Japanese troops are attacking the Singapore area". It claims that Japanese air units are raiding British air bases in Malaya and that "a number of British planes have been destroyed. It further claims that Japanese warships "intensively bombarded Midway Island and set fire to hangars and fuel depots".

Big claims are made by the naval section of the Japanese Imperial Headquarters this (Tuesday) morning. They assert that as the result of the Japanese raids on American air bases in the Philippines on Monday, 25 American planes were shot down, and 71 destroyed on the ground, while only five Japanese planes are missing. The claim is added that during the night, further raids were made on "military objectives" and that all Japanese planes returned undamaged to their bases.

London Shows It Up

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The above claim, it is pointed out in London, is at variance with the one made by the Japanese Imperial Headquarters last night which stated that forty planes were shot down in aerial combat at Iba and fity or sixty on the ground at Clarkfield. Only two Japanese planes it claimed were lost.

Japanese move to cut off Anglo-American Naval Combine and to prevent Allies from utilising Russian aerodromes against Tokyo.

TOKYO FEARS AIR RAIDS

Russia Will Be In It

Hore-Belisha Optimistic About Pacific Front

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The hope that "R" for Russia would shortly be added to the A. B. C. D. front was expressed by Mr. Hore Belisha speaking in London to-day (Tuesday).

He said that in the Axis strategy, the same contemptible role had been assigned to Japan in the East as played by Italy in the west. Natural resources were overwhelmingly on the side of the civilised nations. Japan must rely on her naval power to conquer sources of economic strength, otherwise she would be bled to death.

Mr. Hore Belisha concluded by urging more production as the key to victory.

EXCHANGE OF ANGLO-JAPANESE NATIONALS!

LONDON, Dec. 9.

It may be possible for mutual arrangements to be made for the evacuation of Japanese nationals from Britain and British nationals from Japan, such arrangements to be agreed between the protecting powers, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

The Argentine Embassy are handling British interests in Japan but what Embassy or Legation will look after Japanese affairs in this country is not known at present.

There are 600 Japanese men and 100 Japanese women in Britain, while about 80 Japanese seamen are employed on coastal ships here. There are 250 Finnish men, 1,400 Hungarian men and 1,300 Rumanian men. A similar number of Finnish and Rumanian women are here, while the Hungarian women number 2,000.—Reuter.

Argentine And U. S.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 9.

Argentine has decided to consider the United States as non-belligerent. American circles regard the decision as satisfactory and as a step in the right direction.—Reuter.

INDIA GOVT. AT WAR WITH JAPAN

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

A proclamation has been issued to-day that war has broken out between His Majesty and Japan. —A.P.

IMPORTANCE OF ALEUTIAN ISLES

Strategy Aims At Cutting Off Anglo-American Naval Combine

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Military commentary by "Analist":—

Out of the multitudinous assaults with which Japan began the war and with due regard to the uncertainty of all news, Singapore begins to emerge as her main objective.

Hence, after the temporary advantage of a surprise attack on Pearl Harbour which cannot be repeated, the attacks on the American chain of stations westwards across the Pacific, the Midway, Wake, Guam and the Philippine Islands. The American Army should be able to hold the Philippines, when it has destroyed the huge local Japanese fifth column accumulation of many years, but Japanese possession of Carolines and Marshalls further increases the risks of a voyage from Hawaii to Singapore. the southern route, however, through the islands of New Guinea, though much longer, should be easy enough.

NAVAL STRATEGY

Naval strategy keeps its own secrets but it would certainly seem that the American Navy's position must be to unite with the British navy at Singapore. From that secure and ample base the Allies could bottle up Japanese ships in the Gulf of Siam and gradually extend their operation up a well-known highway to cut Japan's communications with Indo-China and Thailand, now her main source of various essential commodities. This the Japanese must at all costs prevent and since a sea assult on Singapore is scarcely practicable, it becomes a race between the Japanese Army and the American Navy to reach Singapore.

Terror For Japan

The loss of Thailand though not unexpected, is serious.

The report that Japanese warships have been sighted around the Aleutian Islands suggests another attempt to shut out reinforcements reaching the Far East, rather than a menace to Canada. The Aleutians are an important link for American aeroplanes flying to the Russian territories of Kamschatka, Northern Saghalien and the maritime provinces where the use by the Allies of Russian aerodromes would strike terror in Japan.—Reuter.

JAPAN NOT TO BREAK WITH SOVIET?

TOKYO, Dec. 9.

"I think Soviet-Japanese relations will remain as before mainly on the basis of the neutrality", said Mr. Hori, Japanese Government spokesman, to-day. He pointed out that the treaty was valid for a period of five years.—Reuter.

For Defence Of Thailand!

Japanese Charge And British Denial

ROME, Dec. 9.

The Japanese Embassy in Bangkok has issued a statement declaring that British troops crossed the Thai frontier on Monday morning from Burma, says a Shanghai telegram to the Official Italian News Agency.

Japanese troops, it states, are meeting the British attack "To ensure the independence of Thailand"

A statement by the British Foreign Office denies the Japanese allegation that British forces crossed the Thailand frontier before Japanese troops began their invasion.

The Japanese allegation that their attack on Thailand was consequent on the move by British troops into Thai territory, is wholly untrue.

The British Government is waiting for further information regarding the exact circumstances in which the agreement was signed before they take any step.

British Warships Beat Off Attackers

HONG KONG Dec. 9.

The Colony experienced continuous alarms to-day but passed a quiet night. Two alarms were sounded last night but no enemy planes were seen. A Chinese company of sappers has so far taken a leading part in the operations and continues to perform its duties admirably. On one occasion a Japanese scout was observed signalling from what he apparently took to be a natural mound. In reality it was one of the concealed mines which was immediately touched off. The signaller vanished.

Tuesday night's official communique says that all defences of the mainland are being successfully maintained. Artillery fire brought enemy parties to an abrupt halt. Desultory air raids occurred during the day but there were no serious casualties. At least, one enemy plane was badly crippled. Air attacks were made on British warships which retaliated with gun-fire beating off attackers. No ships were hit. The communique adds that the imperturbility of the Chinese population has been most marked.

Japanese troops entered Bangkok shortly after 9 p.m. on Monday, according to a Bangkok message to the Domei News Agency.

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MEXICO AND PANAMA DECLARE WAR ON JAPAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

Mexico and Panama have declared war on Japan according to a National Broadcasting Company message from Panama.—Reuter.

JAWAHAR'S OFFER TO BRITAIN

India's Co-operation On Freedom Basis

Transfer Of Power Is The Only Test

MERE INDIANISATION WILL NOT HELP

LUCKNOW, December 9.

"I should like India to use her strength and resources in favour of possible good changes," declared Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at a Press Conference to-day discussing international situation.

Pandit Nehru added: "In the grouping of Powers struggling for mastery of the world, on either side there seems to be dreams entertained by Governments for world domination. Undoubtedly this is so on the part of Hitler. It is not proclaimed as such on the other part.

Group Of Progressive Forces

"I have no doubt that any attempt at world domination by any group of Powers will be harmful and must be resisted. Still, I think that in the grouping that exists, there is also no doubt that progressive forces of the world are aligned with the group represented by Russia, Britain, America and China. In addition to these progressive forces, this group has also got strongly entrenched reactionary forces as evidenced by the treatment accorded to India. This treatment inevitably governs our own policy. Yet, at the same time, we must sympathise and wish well to the group which contains the progressive forces, more especially those of China and Soviet Russia."

PLEA FOR WIDER OUTLOOK

Pandit Nehru said: Every sensitive person must feel to a greater or less degree the agony of the world to-day. No individual or nation can or should think in terms of narrow self-interest in the face of this great catastrophe. We have to take the wider outlook ultimately even in terms of self-interest for there can be no doubt that national isolation is dead and the future is hardly likely to consist of a large number of separate national entities. Whatever attitude we must take up in India, we must keep these wider aspects in view. This war is something much bigger than a war and out of its womb all manner of changes will arise."

CONGRESS 'VIS A VIS' WAR

Referring to the Congress position 'vis-a-vis' the war, Pandit Nehru stated: "The Congress position was first fully stated in the declaration of September 13, 1939, and subsequently added to by the All-India Congress Committee resolutions. It remains, till it is modified. Its application must necessarily depend on many factors. For instance, if it were made clear by the British Government that they accept that position completely, not just for the Congress, but for India, and give effect to it, this in itself would be a major international event changing the whole character of the world. Inevitably, the many drawbacks and obstacles towards giving support to the allied cause would then be removed. How India would give practical effect to its undoubted moral support to that cause then would be matter for full consideration; it will have to be decided by the representatives of the people of India. The immediate object before India would necessarily be to defend itself.

CONGRESS & A.R.P.

Asked whether he would advise Congressmen to co-operate with the Government in A.R.P. measures, Pandit Nehru stated that he was not fully in touch with the situation; Congressmen obviously will always help in the protection of life whenever such danger arises. Ordinarily, co-operation with the authorities means submission to the autho-

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CONGRESS CABINET MEETING ON DEC. 19

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

The Associated Press is informed that the Congress President Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has convened a meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Congress at Bardoli on December 19.—A. P.

MAHATMA FOR BARDOLI

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 9.

Arrangements for Mahatma Gandhi's departure for Bardoli to-night are complete and he is leaving Wardha to-night by the Nagpur Express via Bhusaval 'en route' to Bardoli.

Babu Rajendra Prasad who was indisposed is now better and is accompanying Gandhiji.—United Press.

P. C. Ghosh Meets Azad

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, member of the Congress Working Committee, called on the Congress President this evening and had a discussion with him for about three-quarters of an hour.

Seth Sudersan, Chief Whip of the Punjab Congress Assembly party, who arrived here to-day from Wardha, interviewed the Maulana in connexion with the Punjab Parliamentary affairs.—A. P.

JAIL DELIVERY IN ASSAM

SHILLONG, Dec. 9.

The Assam Government have passed orders for the release of all Satyagrahi prisoners in the Province. Those who are expected to be set free immediately include Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad, ex-Minister, and Mr. Bishnuram Medhi, Mr. Mahadev Sarma and Mr. Karuna Sindu Roy, all members of the Provincial Assembly. —A.P.

Jawaharlal's Programme

LUCKNOW, Dec. 9.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru accompanied by his daughter, Miss Indira Nehru left to-night for Allahabad.

His future programme is not yet fixed but he is in communication with the Congress President and is awaiting his reply. It appears likely that he may proceed to Bardoli a couple of days before the commencement of the Working Committee meeting which will be held on December 19.—A.P.

Rathindra Tagore Sees Mahatma

WARDHA, Dec. 9.

Mr. Rathindra Nath Tagore, son of the late Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, saw Mahatma Gandhi to-day. He will leave for Calcutta to-morrow.—A. P.

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RESULTS OF MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

The following pupils of Miss Dina S. Sanga, L.T.C.L.; L.R.-S. M. (London) (Teachers) were successful at the Practical and Theory examinations held in Poona:—

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Dentistry Exam. Results

The first examination for the Licence in Dental Surgery of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay was held in the current month, when one candidate appeared and passed the examination. The name of the successful candidate is Bhalchandra Shantaram Sabnis.

D.O.M.S. Examination

Out of 13 candidates who appeared at the D.O.M.S. Examination held in the current months, the following three have passed:—Hari Yeshwant Bakre, Phiroz Burjor Banaji and Taranath Mukherjee.

NEW NURSES AND MIDWIVES

BOMBAY, Monday.

Result of the Midwifery Examination held in November 1941 was declared to-day, and the following were the numbers of the successful candidates:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 11 13 14 16 17 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 31 32 33 34 40 41 42 and 43.

No. 4 stood I and passed with the Honours.

New Health Visitors

Results of the Preliminary and Final Health Visitors' Examinations of the Council held in November 1941 were declared today, and the following were the names of the successful candidates:—

PRELIMINARY HEALTH VISITORS' EXAMINATION

Valanju Indira, Barji Indirabai V., Kokamthankar Parwatibai M., Phadke Annapurnabai G., and Chohan Kadambari.

FINAL HEALTH VISITORS' EXAMINATION.

Date Laxmibai, Thomas Teresa, Bahutule Manoramabai, Mattigar Godubai, Sane Phulwanti and Shrisunder Krupa.

Five-Year Plan Of Marwari Federation

The five-year plan of the All-India Marwari Federation has now been put into force from October, 1941, in Bengal and Darjeeling District Marwari Federation Conference held on the 2nd and 3rd of October saw its inauguration. Jalpaiguri branch has already announced 30th and 31st December, 1941, as the dates of the district conference.

The five-year plan aims at raising the cultural, economical, educational, health and the political standard of the entire Marwari community, and it envisages an organisation with 1,500 branches and a membership of 3 lakhs within the specified period.

City Engineers To Learn A. R. P. Work

For the protection of Bombay, the Government of India asked for the services of four engineers of the Bombay Municipality which was granted by the Municipal Corporation on Monday.

The Municipal Commissioner in a letter to the Municipal Corporation stated that the Joint Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, (Political)—A.R.P., informs me that the Government of India have sanctioned a scheme of carrying out a preliminary survey of all the buildings in Bombay in connection with the provision of "safety rooms" and of fire-fighting materials and that the Government of Bombay propose to engage a temporary staff for doing this work. For organizing and supervising this work it will be necessary to have a small staff of trained persons who are familiar with building conditions in this city. He has therefore requested me to lend the services of a few senior and experienced officers of the Municipality in the Engineering Department for a period of three months. He had consulted the City Engineer in this matter and he considers that certain officers would be suitable for this type of work and that it would be possible to spare them for a short period.

On the motion of Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha seconded by Dr. B. H. Rajyadhyaksha, the Corporation agreed to the proposal.

Karnatak Association's Plea For Konkan-Kanara Railway

The problem of suitable communications, a standing grievance of the people of Southern Konkan, which has been brought to the forefront by the sudden cessation of steamer services consequent on the war, is the subject of a representation made to the Member for Communications by the Karnatak Association.

The memorandum draws the attention of the Government of India to the severe reactions of the economic life of the population in the Konkan-Kanara area, particularly the agricultural classes and those engaged in cottage industries who have been hit hard by the lack of transport facilities. The people of this coastal tract, who have had been left to the tender mercies of the vested interests running seasonal steamer services, by the indecision of the Railway Board in respect of the proposal before them for opening a railway line linking Bombay with the Southern Coast of Konkan, suffer severe hardships for want of facilities for marketing.

Petrol rationing has further curtailed what little facilities they had for hinterland traffic. Want of cheap transport has prevented the growth of forest exploitation in Kanara. It is suggested that a direct line between Bombay and Mangalore on the Konkan-Kanara Coast would be a blessing on the people living in those parts.

It is pointed out that a railway would have largely helped to mitigate the scarcity now in certain parts of Konkan. The Association has urged that expenditure on construction in any specific part must be viewed in relation to the entire system rather than to any specific area.

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HEAVY SHORT COVERING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Prices Open 40 Points Down On War News

SCARCITY OF CONTRACTS

Bombay Dec. 9.

On Monday New York Cotton prices opened at a decline of 40 points on Far Eastern War news.

Later prices advanced 64 points from the opening level on active short covering and scarcity of sellers. The market believes that the U.S.A. now engaged in war, will result in very small cotton crop next year and there will be famine of cotton.

Thus when New York cotton market failed to have effect of war, Bombay cotton prices declined over Rs. 30 per candy on heavy speculative unloading aggressive Bear pressure and selling by option dealers.

Bombay: December 9.

The final Bureau Report on the American cotton crop was issued on Monday as under:—

Yield per acre as of 1st Dec. 235.4; as of 1st Nov. 233.3.

Production as of 1st Dec. 10,976,000; as of 1st Nov. 11,020,000.

Ginned to 1st Dec. as of 1st Dec. 9,596,000; as of 1st Nov. compared with 8,808,000 ginned to 14th November.

Comparison with previous years:—

	1941/42	1940/41	1939/40
Yield per acre	235.4	252.4	235.9
Production	10,976,000	12,686,000	11,792,000
Ginned to Dec. 1	9,596,000	10,870,000	11,112,000

Area harvested 22,376,000 acres.

Abandonment 3.8 per cent.

Ginning returns indicate that the United States crop is averaging only about strict low middling with a scarcity of clean white cotton. The commodity credit corporation reports that loan pledges through 29th Nov. 11,84,000 bales which while very much below the year ago, shows a sharp increase on the previous estimate in respect of the current crop.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened at a decline of 40 pts with March 16.65 which was the lowest for the day. There was active profit-taking and Southern selling, but prices advanced 69 pts from the opening level and March was quoted 17.34, which was the highest level. Prices again weakened and the market finally closed at a net rise of 2 points to a decline of 10 pts. Spot cotton prices advanced 7 pts at 18.23c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton market was also very steady and finally closed at a net decline of 1 to 5 pts. Spot cotton prices closed one point down at 17.28c per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state:—

As suggested in our reports on 2nd and 6th inst. the inevitable has happened with a fall of Rs. 30. There is little use in "crying over spilt milk" but let us afresh our outlook based on possible developments. Prior to this we must not forget that the modern Asiatic Ghenziskhan generally imitates his ally, the despicable Nazis. The latter, the world knows, how brutally bombed women and children in England, simply to create spectacular stunt. Therefore, much will depend upon Japanese progress. Should their attacks be repulsed, the sentiment will give impetus to the market, but if their progress towards India accelerates, the present demoralised condition will have deeper roots. Purely from the market point of view, yesterday's heavy liquidation has left considerable floating contracts and until they are passed in strong trade hands, any impressive recovery seems premature. Nevertheless, we do not feel keen on fresh sales at this level, though any adverse news may force further long liquidation by stale longs and option dealers selling.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest 17.34+29 (11-31 a.m.); Lowest 16.65—50 (10 a.m.).

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market early declined on Far-Eastern war news. Steadier on scarcity of sellers and short covering.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Dec. 8.

December	16.75+01
January	16.84+02
March	17.06+01
May	17.16—03
July	17.17—07
October	17.20—10
Middling Spot	18.23+07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans: December 8.

December	16.70—05
January	16.84+02
March	17.06—01
May	17.19—04
July	17.26—04
October	17.43—03
Middling Spot	17.28—01

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Dec. 8.

	Noon Call
March	17.21
May	17.33

Yarn And Silk Merchants Quotations

Bombay: December 9.

	Rs. a.p.
64/2 Koru Nissin—	
Spot	39 8 0
December	39 12 0
64/2 Koru Nissin—	
Spot	46 0 0
December	46 8 0
80/2 Any—	
Spot	3 14 3
December	3 15 0
80/2 Any—	
Spot	4 5 3
December	4 6 0
150 Any—	
Spot	3 14 3
December	3 15 0

64/2 Koru highest Rs. 40/2; lowest Rs. 39/4

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay: December 9.

	Rs. a.p.
Alleppey Pepper ready per candy	106 0 0
Maha Sud 15	103 0 0
Chaitra Sud 15	106 0 0
Ginger ready	36 0 0
Maha Sud 15	28 0 0
Chaitra Sud 15	28 0 0

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay: December 9.

	Rs. a.p.
Groundnuts February—	
Opening	43 8 0
Highest	43 14 0
Lowest	42 12 0
Closing	43 11 0
Cottonseeds January—	
Opening	25 13 0
Highest	26 5 0
Lowest	25 10 5
Closing	26 2 0
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	24 15 0
Highest	25 10 0
Lowest	24 14 0
Closing	25 8 0
Cottonseeds May—	
Opening	44 8 0
Highest	45 6 0
Lowest	43 14 0
Closing	45 4 0

London Stock Exchange

London: December 8.

The Stock Exchange reacted sharply on Japanese opening hostilities. Prices in all sections precautionarily marked down especially in Oils, Rubbers, Tins and other Far-Eastern issues, but there was no selling pressure. There is view steadiness in the undertone. Market circles expect a rally back as the new situation crystalises Gilt-edgeds, Home Rails and Industrials, especially Tobaccos, and South American Rails were moderately lower. Hongkong Bank shares closed above the lowest at 70, which was a decline of 6 points. Wall Street market report was not received.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: December 8.

T T London on New York 4.03¼-4.03¾, Madrid 40.50, Montreal 4.43/4-4.47, Berne 17.30/17.40, Stockholm 16.85/16.95.

LONDON WHEAT

London: December 8

Rozario Santa Fe 22/6 Dec/Jan sellers. Barletta Russo 22/7½ Dec/Jan sellers. South Australian 27/6 Dec/Jan sellers.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: December 9.

Local Bears played a havoc in the cotton market and prices were depressed Rs. 30 per candy against a rise of one point in New York cotton market. When Japanese credits were frozen local prices declined 20 points. Thus to-day's drop was a record one and biggest of the year. The decline is purely a speculative move and weak holders were forced to liquidate. There was no new bearish factor beyond sentimental effect and overbought position. Japan is out of the cotton market for the past few months and declaration of war does not make any additional bearish aspect.

Following a rise of one point in New York cotton futures the local market was expected to open at Rs. 227 for Broach A/M delivery, but Bears came out to depress the market and Broach opened at Rs. 223 and declined to Rs. 220 on nervous unloading. Bears being only supporters prices were entirely at their mercy but scattered covering appeared despite a drop on Stock Exchange. Prices improved to Rs. 224 under moderate buying.

There being professional support prices improved to Rs. 227, but under renewed selling prices eased off to Rs. 224/6. Prices again hardened to Rs. 227 and steadied at Rs. 226/6. The market improved to Rs. 228 and closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

BROACH April/May	Rs. 227/8
OOMRA Dec/Jan	Rs. 191/4
OOMRA March	Rs. 179/4
OOMRA May	Rs. 181/0
BENGAL Dec/Jan	Rs. 139/8
BENGAL March	Rs. 141/12
BENGAL May	Rs. 144/8

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below New York May 841 cent points at 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: December 8.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing at 5 p.m.
Broach A/M	234	228	228
Oomra D/J	196	190	190
Oomra March	186 1/2	179	179
Oomra May	189 1/2	181 1/2	181 1/2
Bengal D/J	146	139	139
Bengal March	149	141	141
Bengal May	152	144	144

NIGHT SESSION: The market opened with Broach A/M at Rs. 226 and declined to Rs. 221 1/2 and closed at Rs. 221 1/2 at 11-30 p.m.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Bombay: December 9.

	Ready. Old.	Ready. New	Delivery Contract Dec.	Jany.
Bengal Fine	125/28	135	...	...
Berar	154/59	..	Par.	—2
C. P. 1	196/99	...	+23	+21
C. P. 2	159/64	...	...	...
Khandesh	119/29	...	...	...
Muglai	134/39	...	...	...
Broach	182/87	...	...	...
Broach Low	137/47	...	...	...

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay: December 9.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	2 days.	This year	Since 1st Septr. Last year
Khandesh	817	5,095	15,620
Central India	206	3,185	2,418
Barsi and Nagar	474	12,434	6,785
Hyderabad/Gaorani	50	303	1729
Berar	1,478	18,752	29,972
Central Provinces	423	6,355	1,181
Total Oomras	3,464	46,124	58,706
Dholeras		11,705	2,801
N.-W. Provinces		949	3
Rajputana		279	369
Sind-Punjab	1,063	106,308	115,574
Broach	17	13,725	4,711
Coompta and Dharwar		5,230	19,749
Westerns Northerns		5,331	19,886
Cocanadia			170
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		7,246	522
Total	4,524	196,901	222,490
Arrived by road to 4th Dec. 1941		14,500	24,000

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay: December 9.

Wheat January	0 4 0
Wheat May	0 12 0
Linseed May	3 0 0
Groundnut February	3 0 0
Castorseed May	5 8 0
Cottonseed January	1 6 0
Silver 1st settlement	2 8 0
Silver 2nd settlement	3 12 0
Gold 1st settlement	2 4 0

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay: December 9.

	1941/42	1940/41
P P Bales		
Receipts to date 8-12-41	2000000	2176000
Receipts yesterday 8-12-41	13000	18000
Export to date 5-12-41	514000	513000
Stock at ports 5-12-41	3383000	3291000
Stock at interior towns do.	3360000	3255000
Quantity in sight 5-12-41	5990000	6253000

SHRI MAHAJAN ASSOCIATION

Bombay: December 9.

The following rates prevailed in the market on 9th inst.:—

BROACH FULLY GOOD QUALITY: VAIDAS: APRIL/MAY 1941/42

11 a.m. (B.T.)	Rs. 222/0
12-30 p.m. (B.T.)	Rs. 225/8
2-30 p.m. (B.T.)	Rs. 225/4

The market closed at 2-30 p.m.

April/May 1941/42 Highest	Rs. 227/4
April/May 1941/42 Lowest	Rs. 220-12

Market closed at 2-30 p.m. (B.T.) due to the death of Mr. Premraj Bakhtawarmal Mohota, a member of the Association.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: December 9.

	Sxtra Spr-fine.	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U P		149	147	145	142
M G Punjab		149	147	145	142
M G Oomra No 3	203	200	197	194	...
M G C P No. 1	229	226	223	220	...
M G C. P No. 2	214	211	208	205	...

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay: December 9.

Yarn No.	December	February	April
6 1/2s	245	246	247
10 1/2s	270	271	272
20 1/2s	435	420	414
40s	585	590	595

Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s and 40s are nominal.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay: December 9.

Yellow Metal Sheet	Rs. 145
Copper sheets	Rs. 125

Tone:—Steady.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay: December 9.

Fine White Java Sugar per cwt—	
Java ready from Bond Rs. 17	
African from Bond Rs. 15	
Shipment September Rs. 11 F.B.H.	
Indian Sugars Ready—	
Ordinary Rs. 17/6 to 17/12	
Large grain Rs. 17/14 to 18/8	
Bombay Group March delivery Rs. 14.	

Tone:—Firm.

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay: December 9.

Linseed May	8 15 0
Wheat January	5 13 9
Wheat May	7 0 9

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay: December 9.

Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8/8/0. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02¾ to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London spot Silver was unchanged at 23 1/2d and forward quotation was unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62/10/3. The local market was steady and buyers being satisfied, prices fluctuated within a narrow range.

Quotations were as under: Gold Silver

Ready	Rs. 47 12 0	66 14 0
Posh	Rs. 47 12 0	66 14 0
Sovereigns:	Rs. 32/8.	

LONDON SILVER

London: December 8.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London: December 8.

Gold bars fine per Oz.	£8/8/0

LONDON BULLION MARKET

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. have issued the following monthly report dated London, 1st September:—

GOLD

The amount of gold held in the Issue Department of the Bank of England during the month of August, 1941, was unaltered at £241,575.

The Bank of England's buying price for gold remained unchanged at 168s per fine ounce, at which figure the above amount was calculated.

A fresh monthly high record was attained by the Transvaal gold output for July 1941, which, at 1,225,772 fine ounces compared with the previous record of 1,219,068 fine ounces produced in May 1941. The output for June 1941 was 1,181,255 fine ounces and for July 1940, 1,195,536 fine ounces.

SILVER

The market was very steady during August and throughout the month prices for both deliveries varied only between 23 1/2d. and 23 7/16d. Demand for trade requirements continued on a moderate scale and some silver was available from production sources; there was also some bear covering and selling to liquidate purchase contracts. With market offerings somewhat scarce at the end of the month, a small amount of silver was secured from the official quarter.

In the early part of the month news was received that during his "Tax Bill" testimony, Mr. Morgenthau intimated to the Senate Finance Committee that he would raise no objection to the abandonment of the United States silver purchase programme. He stated that the programme was not costing the Government money, but its effects might be mildly inflationary.

Any move towards abandonment of silver purchases by the United States Government could scarcely affect the London Market in present circumstances, owing to its isolation by the licence control of both imports and exports. Nevertheless in the event of any such move the market would be faced with a serious post-war situation as, apart from the question of disposal of newly-mined silver, there would naturally be concern regarding the huge stocks already acquired by the United States Treasury. It is felt, therefore, that at the worst, any measures taken would be more likely to take some form of gradual modification rather than total abandonment.

HAPUR WHEAT MARKET

HAPUR: December 6.

The local wheat market remained very steady till yesterday when the Government's decision regarding the fixation of maximum price at Hapur and Lyallpur was broadcasted. There was a sharp gain in the quotations for new wheat. Jeth which was quoted at 4/1/4 last Saturday rose to 4/6/8. There was a crash this morning and the market opened more than nine pies lower than yesterday's closing. Since this morning there is further loss in the quotations. Prior to the Government's latest announcement and to some extent even now, a very embarrasing position has arisen here. Difference between the new wheat futures and controlled price for ready wheat, viz. 4/8 had declined to barely 1 1/2 anna per md. while the same at Karachi was Rs. 6/10 per candy, at Calcutta Re. 1 at Bombay 1/2 and in the Punjab from 12 to 15 annas per maund. This led to total suspension of ready wheat trade, much to the detriment of the local trade interests.

The steadiness was caused by stong statistical position and firm tone in the Punjab and at the ports which stimulated general speculative buying and short covering. Bears received a rude shock in the earlier stages as their hopes built on previous Government announcements failed to bear fruit. Military buying in the Punjab has encouraged the stock holders to sit tightly in the hope of a wheat famine towards the end of the session. Besides weather in the U. P. and in the Punjab, is far from being conducive to the fair growth of the recently sown crop. These are important considerations and much would depend upon the course weather takes, although Government decisions would also materially affect the sentiment. Political conditions and sharp rise in the cotton section have helped the bulls.

Jeth was quoted at 4/1/4 on Saturday last. Highest during the week touched 4/6/8 and it declined to 4/2/7 this morning but has once more improved to 4/3/6. Exports during the week totalled 18 khattis and the present stock is put at 328 khattis. Weather continues dry and is causing serious misgivings.

TATA HYDRO-ELECTRIC AGENCIES

Revenue From Energy Sales

Messrs. Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for the following three Hydro-Electric Companies, report that the revenue from energy sales (subject to adjustment) of the said Companies for the month of November 1941 and for five months ended 30th November 1941 were as compared with the corresponding periods of the previous financial year:

	For the month of Nov. 1940.
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd.	Rs. 2,99,422
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd.	Rs. 4,17,294
Tata Power Co. Ltd.	Rs. 6,66,241
Total	Rs. 13,81,957
	For the month of Nov. 1941
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd.	Rs. 3,27,650
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd.	Rs. 4,64,308
Tata Power Co. Ltd.	Rs. 7,71,547
Total	Rs. 15,63,505
	For financial year upto Nov. 30, 1940
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd.	Rs. 14,87,001
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd.	Rs. 20,27,405
Tata Power Co. Ltd.	Rs. 31,07,488
Total	Rs. 66,21,894
	For current financial year upto Nov 30, 1941
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd.	Rs. 16,42,812
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd.	Rs. 23,29,265
Tata Power Co. Ltd.	Rs. 38,65,172
Total	Rs. 78,37,249

AMERICAN COTTON WEEKLY STATISTICS

(IN 1,000'S)

	New York, Dec. 5 Season to-date	This week	Season 1940/41.
Total in sight (excluding linters)	5,990	278	6,253
Forwarded to American mills including other America (excluding linters)	4,027	220	3,659
Exports from U. S. ports	514	48	512
Stocks at U. S. ports	—	3,383	—
Stocks at U. S. Interior towns	—	3,460	—
Receipts at U. S. ports	1,961	118	2,144

Indian Stock Exchange

Bombay: December 9.

Conditions were very erratic on the market to-day and prices after opening very much lower showed a steadiness at the close. Tata Deferreds opened at 1975 and declined to as low as 1950, but later reacted to 1965 closing finally at 1940. Tata Ordinaries opened at 372 and dropped down to 355, but later improved to 376 and finally stood at 366. Textiles moved erratically and Bombay Dyeings after touching 1275 improved to 1320. Indian Irons were finally quoted at 32/4.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange to-day:

Tata Deferreds (2095) 1975 1960 1965 1940
Tata Ordinaries (392) 372 355 372 366

Tata Ordinary 366, Tata Deferred 1940, Indian Iron 32/4, Steel Corporation of Bengal 19/4, Bombay Dyeing 1365, Central India 375, Century 420, Gokak 266/4, Kohinoor 500, Simplex 190, Andhra Valley 1750, Tata Hydro 185, Tata Power 1580, Associated Cement 464, Belapur 245, Bombay Burma Old 380.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 9.

2 3/4 per cent 1948-57 Loan 78-0
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 95-4
3 per cent 1951/52 Loan 99-12
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 100-0
4 per cent 1961/70 Loan 110-14
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 103-8
3 per cent War Bonds 102-0
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 114-12

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-6
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 106-0
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 128-8

CORPORATION DEBENTURE

4 per cent B P T 1947 1110-12
4 per cent B P T 1947 110-12
4 per cent M Deb 1947 110-8
6 per cent M Deb 1954 129 0
6 per cent K P T 1956 129 8

Trend: Quiet.
Rates nominal.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: December 9.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/Sight 1/6 1/4 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/Sight 1/6 9/32 Three months
Banks buying 90 days/Sight 1/6 9/32 Four months.

B C RATES:—
T T 1/5 15/16, D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32; D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 1/8

NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 328 1/2
Cross Rates Dol. 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2.

MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 295 3/4
Cross Rates Dol. 4.43/47.

JAVA:—
Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56
Banks buying T T Gld 57 1/2; D D Gld 57 1/2
Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62.

JAPAN:—
Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Cross Rates Sh. 1/2 1/2.

BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil.
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.
Cross Rates Fcs 17 30/40.

STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
Cross Rates K 16.85/95.

SINGAPORE:—
Banks selling T T Rs 158; D D Rs. 158
Banks buying T T Rs. 155; D D Re 155
Cross Rates Sh. 2/4 5/32 7/32

HONGKONG:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 85 1/4; D D Rs 84 1/4
Cross Rates Sh. 1/3 1/32

SHANGHAI:—
Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Cross Rates Sh. 0-3 3/16

MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27, D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
Cross Rates Pec. 19 5 21.5.

LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.36 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100 20

NEW YORK:—
Cross Rate Dol 4.03 3/4
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £8/8/0 Ready
New York Silver 35 3/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call unquoted
1 to 2 months 1/4 per cent.
3 to 6 months 1/2 per cent.
9 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Easy.

Tin Statistics For July

According to the Statistical Bulletin of the Tin Research Institute, world production of tin in July 1941 is estimated at 18,100 long tons, compared with 19,900 tons in July 1940. Production for the first seven months was 147,900 tons in 1941, against 125,100 tons in 1940.

Exports from the countries signatory to the International Tin Agreement, and the over—and under—exports at the end of July 1941, are shown below in long tons of tin:

Belgian Congo	May 1,254*	June 4,007*	July 1,845*
End July —2,795			
Bolivia	May 3,531	June 4,856	
Fr. Indo-China	May 130*	June 130*	July 130*
End July —1,588*			
Malaya	May 8,243	June 10,243	July 4,091
End July 17,060			
Neth. East Indies	May 4,935	June 5,074	July 3,948
End July +2,161			
Nigeria	May 1,406	June 3,803	
Thailand	May 1,075	June 1,748	July 1,103
End July —6,692			

*Estimated or preliminary.

United States deliveries totalled 12,576 tons in July 1941 against 14,880 tons in June. The U. S. deliveries in the first seven months of 1941 were 92,947 tons, compared with 57,934 tons in the corresponding period of 1940.

World stocks of tin, including smelters' stocks and carry-over, increased by 327 tons during July 1941, to 56,302 tons at the end of the month. Stocks at the end of July 1940 were 48,830 tons.

The average cash price of standard tin in London was £258.4 per ton in July 1941, compared with £262.9 in the previous month and with £265.8 in July 1940. The average price of Straits tin in New York was 53.66 cents per lb. in July 1941, against 52.69 cents per lb. in June. The average price for July 1940 was 51.59 cents per lb.

Sales Of Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 9th December 1941. Total amount offered was Rs. 1,23,75,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-12-3 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-12-0 allotted approximately 79 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. 1,00,00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-15-11 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 16th December 1941. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 19th December 1941. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 6th December 1941, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 3,38,50,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' Intermediates will be sold from 10th December 1941 to 15th December 1941 at Rs. 99-12-3 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz. sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary).

Three months' Intermediates sold from 3rd December 1941 to 8th December 1941 amounted to Rs. 52,00,000.

PANIC ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Price Structure Collapses

MARKET NERVOUS AND CONFIDENCE IMPAIRED

Bombay: December 9.

The Bombay Stock Exchange experienced to-day panicky feeling with prices collapsing by hundreds. Tata Steel Defds lost about Rs. 300. Bombay Dyeings Rs. 100 and Bombay Burmas Rs. 200.

The price structure being artificial and highly manipulated collapsed and it will be observed that the restrictions placed on trading have helped the decline, there being no short interest, there was no potential buying. Temporary measures to check selfish activities are needed in the general interest of the market but there is no royal road to check gambling mania. The only way to avoid crisis is adoption of margin system.

There was a regular crisis and the market was nervous. There was a large attendance on the floor of the Share Bazar and everybody was anxious to know the fate of holdings. The Japanese war will exercise heavy pressure on shipping and will temporarily dislocate export trade. Thus the Indian Textile Industry is likely to experience a setback.

Yesterday the Wall-St. market was quiet and U. S. Steel shares declined 1 5/8 at 50¾. Anaconda Copper Mining shares closed 2 5/8 down at 24 7/8 and General Motors lost 1 7/8 at 34 7/8 dollars.

The market opened nervous and there were all sellers. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2,000 against last close at Rs. 2,305 and declined to Rs. 1960 on nervous unloading. At the decline there was moderate support and prices recovered to Rs. 2040. There were rapid fluctuations and it was difficult to put through business at current quotations. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 365 against last closing at Rs. 432 and after declining to Rs. 356 advanced to Rs. 385. Bombay Dyeing shares opened Rs. 125 down at Rs. 1345 and rallied to Rs. 1405 under replacement buying. Bombay Burmas opened at Rs. 370 against last closing at Rs. 578 and improved to Rs. 400. Associated Cement shares opened at Rs. 164 and improved to Rs. 167, while Bellapurs opened at Rs. 302 and after declining to Rs. 295 advanced to Rs. 336, which was about Rs. 4 under previous closing level. The market rallied but towards the close there was renewed selling and Tata Steel Defds after advancing to Rs. 2050 reacted to Rs. 2010 and Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 382. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1385. The tone of the market at the close was heavy with confidence impaired.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay: December 9.

Bombay Dyeing	(1470)	1345	1395	1365	1395	1405	1385	1380	
Century	(525)	462	475	473	488	492	480	486	484
Central India	(509)	470	440	460	455	470	465	480	472
Kohinoor	(634)	560	550	600	589	588			
New Great	(419)	355	375	377	372				
Simplex	(265)	235	210	230	222	244	240	236	
Swadeshi	(553)	506	480	486	495	512	504	506	
Associated Cement	(175)	164	166	168	167	168			
Tramways Ordinary	(168)	171							
Tata Hydro	(190)	190							
Tata Power	(1803)	1750	1720						
Tata Steel Defd	(2305)	2000	1950	2050	2010	2025	2010		
Tata Steel Ordinary	(432)	365	364	380	390	382	383		
Bellapur	(340;	302	295	332	325	337	332	331	
Bombay Steam	(430)	430							
Bombay Burma	(578)	370	402	400	402.				

TEXTILES

Bombay, Dec. 9.

100 Ahmedabad Advance	398	0
200 BOMBAY DYEING	1387	0
100 CENTURY	484	0
100 Colaba	284	0
100 CENTRAL INDIA	473	0
100 Colaba	319	0
250 Davio	404	0
250 Dawn	705	0
1 E D Sassoon Defd.	3	6
100 FINLAY	300	0
100 GOKAK	345	0
1000 Hindustan	2930	0
100 Indore	270	0
100 Khatau	300	0
100 KOHINOOR	588	0
250 LAXMI	750	0
100 MORARJI	630	0
250 Model	225	0
50 MYSORE	132	0
200 NEW GREAT	372	0
100 Oosmanshahi	253	0
100 Podar	242	0
100 Phoenix	482	0
25 Sassoon Silk	106	0
1000 Sholapur	7120	0
50 SIMPLEX	236	0
100 SWADESHI	505	0
100 SWAN	308	0
500 Vishnu	1790	0
1000 Western	2080	0

BANKS

50-100 Baroda	118	0
25-50 Central	52	8
500 Imperial	1630	0
125-500 Imp. Conty.	406	0
50-100 India	149	0
100 Reserve Bank	109	0
5 Union	7 7	6

CEMENTS

100 ASSOCIATED	168	0

INSURANCE

10-50 British India	13	0
100 Empire	727	0
15-100 Jupiter	17	4
20 Mercantile	74	8
15-75 New India	51	0
200 Oriental	4825	0
10-50 Vulcan	11	4

ELECTRIC

100 Ahmedabad Old	185	10
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY	1762	0
10 Ajmir	13	1
50 BOMBAY TRAM	168	0
100 Bombay Suburban	188	2
10 Broach	13	6
100 Karachi	217	0
100 Poona	220	0
100 Surat	188	0
100 TATA HYDRO	190	0
1000 TATA POWER	1720	0

RAILWAYS

500 Ahmedabad Prantij	877	0
100 C. Province	111	0
100 Dhond Baramati	104	4
100 Gujarat	105	0
100 Mandra Bhon	107	0
100 Pachora Jamner	97	8
100 Sara Sirajganj	107	0
500 Tapti Valley XD	650	0

MININGS

8 Burma Corp.	3	11
8sh. Indian Copper	2	1
10 Indian Iron and Steel	32	4
30 SHIVRAJPUR	43	0
10 Mucund Iron XD	14	0
30 TATA STEEL DEF.	2010	0
75 TATA STEEL ORD.	383	0
10 Steel Corporation	19	4

MISCELLANEOUS

100 ALCOCK	685	0
10 Air Services	3	14
50 BELAPUR SUGAR	331	0
200 Bombay Safe Dep.	650	0
250 BOMBAY STEAM X.D.	430	0
100 B. Burma	402	0
50 Contry	145	0
8sh. Br B Petrol	2 13	6
100 IND BLEACHING	255	0
50 Ind. Invest Trust	55	4
100 Indian Radio Def.	660	0
100 Indian Radio Ord	630	0
100 Port Canning	93	0
30 PREMIER Con XD	128	0
15 Scindia	24	12
20 Tata Oil	60	0
20 Tata Chemical	18	0
100 Wimco	227	0

PREFERENCE

7 p.c Andhra Valley	1560	0
6 p.c. Bombay Steam	625	0
5 p.c Central India (TF) X.D.	645	0
7 p.c. Bom Tram (T.F)	78	0
6 1/4 p c Prem Const 2nd	116	0
6 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	150	0

NEW YORK COTTON 35 POINTS DOWN

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH

New York, December 9

Previous closing	17.06
To-day's opening	not received
To-day's closing	16.71
Difference	—35

BROACH EXPECTATION.

Broach April/May ..... Rs. 227

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, December 9

Following are the New York opening rates:—

New York cotton cable not received.
December not received
March not received
May not received

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London, December 9

SEEDS

Castorseeds Dec/Jan (£20 3/8 quoted) £20 3/8 sellers

Linseed Bombay/Calcutta Dec/Jan (£21 1/4 sellers) £21 1/4 sellers

Linseed La Plata Dec/Jan unquoted

Groundnut Coromandal Coast Dec/Jan (£20 sellers) £20 sellers

JUTES

Dundee October/November unquoted

Lightning October/November unquoted

RUBBER

Spot unquoted

Forward December unquoted

LONDON METALS

Tin (£259 buyers; £260 sellers) not quoted.

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No. 2 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, December 9

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £98 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London, December 9

5 per cent 1958/68 £102 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £82
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 5/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 15/16
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 1/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 5/8
New York Loan £101 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £114

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-3
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 38-6
Electric Music Industry 14-4
Princhin Johnson 22-6
Imperial Chemical 32-6
Woolsworth New Ordinary 61-1
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates £74
Dundee 38-4
Unilever Ordinary 27-10
Ford Motors 24-7
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £68 1/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary £4 9/16
Carreas 'A' £ 55/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 3/8
P and O Defd 29-1
Distillers 73-9
Bredfords Dye 8-1
British Celanese 6-9
J and P Coates 37-9
Courtaulds Ordinary 34-9
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-6
Vickers Limited Ordinary 17-7
Inter Nickel dol 41 1/2
Indian Iron 53-9

TEA SHARES

Assam 18-9
Donaro Tea 32-6
Empire of India 30-0

JUTE

Barnagore £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber 16-3
Guia Kelampong 15-7
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 26-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 18-9
Burma Corporation 6-0
Rio Tintos £3
East Rand Properties £2 5/32
Rand Mines £7 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £10 5/8
Associated Portland Cement 50-0
Trinidad Leasehold 66-3
Sub Nigel £7 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares £1 3/16
Union Corporation 157-6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo India 43-9
Burma Oil £2 3/4
Mexican Eagle 10-10
Shell Transport £2 3/4
Royal Dutch £25 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £42 1/4
London Midland Ordinary £16 1/4
London North Eastern Def £1 9/16
London Southern Defd £14 1/4
London Transport 5 per cent £127
London Transport £41 1/2

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Speculatives And Securities Quiet

CALCUTTA, December 9

The market ruled quiet but steady and only a limited business was put through all round. Jutes, cottons, teas, coals and the popular miscellaneous industrials ruled on the lower levels. Government securities and the speculative Engineering issues were also quiet.

Following are the closing quotations:—

Government securities: 3 per cent Defence Bonds 1946 101/10 small lot; 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper 95/8.

Banks: Imperial Bank fully paid 1605 Conty 400; Reserve Bank 106.

Cottons: Basanti ord 6/3 ct; Bengal Nagpur 19/4; Birla Cotton 17/13; Bowreah ord 415 small lot; Cawnpore Textiles 9/6; Dunbar 266; New Victoria ord 6/2.

Coals: Bengal 367; Bokaro and Ramgur 16/4; Borrea 16/4; East Indian 16/12; Hurriladih 12/8; Raneegunge 29; Standard 22; Talcher 2.

Jutes: Agarpara 40; Anglo-India 348; Bally 245; Barnagore 106; Belvedere 409 small lot; Caledonian 404 small lot; Champdany 189/8 small lot; Cheviot 196; Howrah 66/8; Kamarhatty 255; Kelvin 568; Lawrence 545; Pref 151; Naihati 359; Naskarpara 19/4; National 25/4; Nuddea 64/8; Orient 190; Presidency 5/13; Rameshwara 10/4; Soorah 12/12; Standard 347; Union 525; Waverley 3/12.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn 3/14; Indian Copper 2/3; Assam Bengal Cement ord 15/4; Dalmia Cement ord 14/8; small lot; Defd 3/7 small lot; Pref 120 small odd lot; Alkali and Chemical ord 22/12; Bhartia Elec Steel 15/10; Braithwaite 9/6; Burn and Co ord 372; Indian Iron and Steel 32/5; Indian Steel and Wire Products ord 57; Kumardhubi Eng ord 5/4; Marshalls 2/7; Saran Eng 6/6 ct; Steel Corpn ord 19/9; pref 120 ex div; Premium Alluminium Corpn ord 12/4; B I Corpn ord 5/7; Dunlop Rubber ord 49/12; Rohtas Industry pref 168/8; India Paper Pulp 156; Mysore Paper ord 17/8 ct; Orient Paper ord 16/11; Shree Gopal Pape ord 15/2; Star Paper ord 14/15; Titaghur Paper ord 20/2; Assam Saws 3/12; India Genl Navgn ord 85; Port Shipping 19/1.

Sugar shares: Balrampore 12/15;

Tea shares: Bishnauth 29; Hansqua 12/8; Iringmara 67/8; Kaischerra 99; Naga Hills 16/8;

Debentures: 5 1/2 per cent 1939-47 Dalmia Cement debs 104/12.—A.P.

WHEAT PRICE CONTROL IN PUNJAB

Lahore, December 9

An announcement that Government had issued instructions to the Deputy Commissioners throughout the Province to enforce strictly the control of wheat prices and if necessary to requisition the stock was made by Sir Sikander Hyat Khan at a Press Conference this evening.

The Premier said that if the Punjab Government had taken isolated action earlier the control would not have been effective as the stock would have been exported or hoarded. But now that the Central Government had enforced the control all over the country, the Punjab Government would see that it was strictly enforced.

INDORE HINDU CONFERENCE

Indore, December 9

The Central India Hindu Conference will be held in Indore under the presidentship of Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Mahasabha on December 13, 14 and 15.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES.

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, December 9

Previous closing	not received
To-day's opening	not received

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, December 9

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD

London, December 9

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

LONDON SILVER

London, December 9

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
London on Shanghai (0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16) 0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16
London on Kobe not quoted

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

BULLION AND SEEDS

Bombay, December 9

There was no trading during night session

New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 9

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors dol. 35 1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 24 3/4
United States Steel Common dol 50 3/8
United States Steel Preference dol 113 3/8

Central Textile Institute Students Strike

CAWNPORE, Dec. 9.

The students of the Government Central Textile Institute have gone on strike as a protest against alleged refusal to redress their grievances.—A. P.

Injured Pilot Succumbs

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

A "communique" states: The Government of India regret to announce that an aircraft of air forces in India, crashed on the 1st December 1941 at Calcutta. Pilot Officer J. Strathdee, Royal Air Force, the pilot of the machine, was seriously injured, and died on the 3rd December, 1941.—A. P.

VICEROY AT PATNA

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and the Marchioness of Linlithgow, accompanied by their personal staff arrived here this afternoon.

American Material For Indian Defence

NEW DELHI, Dec. 8.

It is authoritatively learned that talks are in progress in India between an American mission and the Indian Defence authorities on the questions relating to American help by way of material apart from what is covered by the existing Lease and Lend arrangements.

These talks are the latest indication that the developments in the Far Eastern situation have been foreseen and full collaboration established on measures to be taken to resist the threat which has now materialised.—A. P.

CONVICT'S APPLICATION TO ATTEND BURIAL CEREMONY REJECTED

BHOPAL, (By Mail.)

Mr. Abdul Hameed, a Labour-leader of Bhopal State, who was convicted for delivering revolutionary speeches in connection with the Legislative Council elections, last year was refused by the Government to attend the burial ceremony of his aunt with whom he lived. An application was given to the authorities concerned, on his behalf, and his relatives kept the dead-body, waiting for the reply for many hours. After a long time when the burial was over, two constables from Kotwali informed the relatives about the rejection of the application.

GUMASTA CONFERENCE:—(4th Anuual Session) office-bearers of the Reception Committee are as under: Chairman:—Sjt. Sangildas Vyas; Vice-Chairman:—Sjts. Harkisondas Mehta, Deshrajji Sharma, Rustomji Elchidana, Esmailbhai, Amritlal Pandya, and Smt. Vimlabeu Mehta; General Secretary:—Sjt. G. G. Mehta; Secretaries:—Sjt. Keshav Talpade, (Organising) Sjt. K. M. Suroff (Magazine), Sjt. Abdul Latiff Gulamdli (Magazine), Sjt. Bhagwandas Kapadia (Propaganda), Sjt. Jafferaali Sidique (Propaganda), Sjt. Himatlal Prabhashankar (Finance); Treasurers: Sjts. Labhishankar Mehta, Navalshankar Joshi, Natvar Mody, Mulshankar Pandya; G. O. C.:—Sjt. Balasaheb; Assistant to the G.O.C. Sjt. Noormohomed Dosabhai.

C. P. Cotton Market Affected

NAGPUR, December 9

The outbreak of hostilities in the Pacific has had depressing effect on the cotton market and the buyers in C. P. are reported to have withdrawn from the market.

The Secretary of the Nagpur Chamber of Commerce has wired to the Government of India and the Government of the Central Provinces urging them to take steps to stabilise the rates and help cotton cultivation.—United Press.

STUDENTS' STRIKE AS PROTEST AGAINST LATHI CHARGE

SYLHET, December 9

The students of Madanmohan College, Sylhet, went on strike to-day protesting against the recent Lathi charge by the police on a procession of student demonstrators at Gauhati. Later in the afternoon, the students held a meeting and passed resolutions, condemning the action of the Gauhati police and expressing their sympathy with the students there.—A.P.

C. P. Textile Mills Strike

NAGPUR, December 9

The "United Press" learns that out of ten textile mills in the province six have accepted the Government resolution on the recommendations of the Jayaratnam Enquiry Committee. These mills are situated in Nagpur, Burhanpur, Akola and Ellichpur.

The mills at Pulgaon and Badnera have partially accepted the recommendations while the decision of the two Hinganghat mills has not yet been known.

The labour leaders propose to launch a strike on December 18 at the centres where the recommendations have been partially accepted or not yet been accepted by the millowners.—United Press.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE TO PUNJAB GOVERNMENT SERVANTS

Lahore, December 9

It is understood that the Punjab Government have provided a sum of Rs. 39 lakhs for the grant of dearness allowances to the low paid staff. All Government servants getting less than Rs. 35 will be entitled to receive dearness allowance according to their grades.—A.P.

NOVEL POINT OF LAW

Petition Of Dissenting Shareholders Cannot Be Representative

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla in Chambers.)

In the matter of the Bombay Telephone Co. Ltd.

and

The offer of the Government Telephones Board Ltd., under Sec. 153 B of the Indian Companies Act.

Hormusji Maneckji Seervai and 23 Others. ..... Petitioners.

The Petitioners are the shareholders of the Bombay Telephone Co. Ltd., which works under a licence from the Government of India under which the Government had the option to take over the Company in 1943. On 16th April 1941 the Government Telephones Board Ltd., specially formed for the purpose of buying over the shares of the Telephone Company, made an offer to the shareholders of that Company to purchase their shares at Rs. 89-15-0 per share. On 10th October, 1941, the Board issued notices under Sec. 153 B of the Indian Companies Act to all shareholders who had not accepted the offer of 16th April to the effect that, unless on an application made by them to the Court within one month from the date of the notice the Court ordered otherwise, the Board were entitled and bound to acquire their shares at Rs. 89-15-0 per share.

The Petitioners had not accepted the offer of the Board. On 8th November, 1941, they filed the present Petition claiming Rs. 134 per share as they contended that the price of Rs. 89-15-0 per share offered by the acquiring Board was grossly inadequate inasmuch as the valuation of the Real Assets (plant, machinery, buildings, etc.), as well as the Liquid Assets (Rs. 18,38,014 being the sum actually available for reserve or distribution to the shareholders for the year ending December, 1940, together with the added profits which the Company would have earned during the period 1941-43 before the Government had the option to terminate the licence) was without any proper basis. For instance, the magneto plant and apparatus alone had been valued in the Balance-Sheet of the Company for the year 1939 at Rs. 18,44,985 and its depreciation was shown at the same amount. The Petitioners submitted that the book-value of Zero reserves for this magneto plant did not represent its real value especially when it is still being worked by the Company.

On 10th November, 1941, the Petitioners obtained leave ex parte from the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla under Order 1 Rule 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure to present the present Petition in a representative character,—on behalf of the Petitioners themselves and all other dissenting shareholders of the Telephone Company who had not accepted the Board's offer. On 4th December, 1941, the Board took out the present Chamber Summons to set aside His Lordship's order of 10th November and to revoke the leave granted under Order 1 Rule 8 to contest this Petition in a representative character.

ARGUMENTS

On behalf of the Board it was argued that the wording of Sec. 153 B of the Indian Companies Act excluded the application of the ordinary procedure of representative action contained in Order 1 Rule 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The relevant part of Sec 153 B (3) runs as follows:

"Where such notice is given the transferee Company shall, unless on an application made by the dissenting shareholder within one month from the date on which the notice was given the Court thinks fit to order otherwise, be entitled and bound to acquire those shares"

Under Sec. 153 B there was, it was contended, an obligation in the nature of substantive law on the Board to purchase all shares unless a particular shareholder made an application within one month and that this was not mere matter of procedure to which Order 1 Rule 8 could be applied. Counsel for the Board further contended that there was good reason for the exclusion of the rule of representative action in regard to cases under Sec. 153 B, and that was, that there was not that identity of interests amongst all the dissenting shareholders that was necessary in a representative action. A dissenting shareholder might be a mere "technical" dissentient who had not accepted the Board's offer either through indifference or because he is in a foreign country or because he is dead and there is nobody yet holding Probate or Letters of Administration to his estate. Such people may later on be willing to accept the Board's offer while this Petition if it is to be a representative one would join them also as parties,—though perhaps one month might have expired from the date of notice to each of them and their right barred if notice had been given to different people on different dates.

Counsel for the Petitioners vigorously contended that there was nothing in Sec. 153 B to negative the ordinary rule of representative action and that unless a representative action was brought it would work very great hardship if thousands of separate or joint Petitions had to be presented,—particularly because they could not now present separate or joint Petitions, the period of one month from the date of the notices having already expired and they having been under the impression that they were represented in this representative petition.

His Lordship:—You have done your best for those who might have been more diligent.

His Lordship held that a representative petition under Sec. 153 B was not competent and made the Chamber Summons absolute. However, as this was a novel point of law not yet decided His Lordship ordered that the costs of the Chamber Summons be costs in the Petition.

Mr. C. K. Daphtary instructed by Messrs. Crawford Bayley & Co., appeared for the Government. Telephones Board in support of the Chamber Summons.

Mr. H. M. Seervai instructed by Messrs. Merwanji Kola & Co., appeared for all the Petitioners, to oppose the Chamber Summons

B. P. MUSLIM STUDENTS' FEDERATION.

The Organising Secretary, B P., M.S.F., writes:—

A general meeting of the members of Bombay Provincial Muslim Students' Federation will be held at Begmahomed High School on Friday 12th instant at 4-30 p.m. The items on the Agenda inter alia include the sending of delegates to the forthcoming 5th annual session of the All-India Muslim Students' Federation to be held at Nagpur. Members desiring to be selected delegates are requested to send in their names duly proposed and seconded to Mr. Habib F Merchant the Organising Secretary, on or before the date of the meeting.

High Court

SUIT AGAINST TURF CLUB

Defendants' Case Opens

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Somjee.)

Camille A. J. Lobo. ..... Plaintiff.

v

The Royal Western India Turf Club Ltd. & Others. ..... Defendants

This was the resumed hearing of the suit filed against the Turf Club, its Stewards, Secretary and Assistant Secretary for a declaration that the Plaintiff was entitled to go upon a certain open piece of land (part of storm-water reservoir) which had been dedicated to the public by the Municipality in 1919 as a recreation ground except on race days, and for another declaration that he was entitled as a member of the public to attend Race Meetings, for Injunctions preventing violation of these alleged rights and for damages for exclusion amounting to Rs. 25,000.

After the Plaintiff had closed his case the Advocate-General on behalf of the Defendants in opening his case stated that the case divided itself into two parts, first with regard to the land alleged to have been dedicated as a recreation ground and secondly with regard to the Plaintiff's alleged right to attend all Race Meetings from the Enclosures of the Club. With regard to the first the Advocate-General contended that in the absence of the documents relied on to prove a dedication or trust for the public as a recreation ground being registered, no case had been made out in support of a dedication or trust. He further contended that even if a trust or dedication had been proved it could only have been for the benefit of the public of the city of Bombay in which the Plaintiff who stayed at Vile Parle could not be interested and had no right to sue. Moreover the Plaintiff had suffered no special damage and could not sue to force a public right. The Advocate-General stated that the maintenance of a recreation ground was a mere matter of contract between the Municipality and the Turf Club in which there was no question of any beneficiaries. With regard to the second point of the right to attend Race-Meetings he argued that the Turf Club paid an assessment and ground rent in respect of properties which were its private properties and it could exclude anybody from these properties. He therefore contended that the Plaintiff had made out no case at all. The Assistant Secretary Major Nanjiman had commenced his evidence when the Court rose for the day.

SCHOOLS CRICKET

All-India Matches In Calcutta

The "Statesman" understands that seven teams are taking part in the All-India inter-provincial schools cricket championship to be played in Calcutta during the Christmas Holidays.

Four of these will be representative Provincial teams—Bengal, Madras, Bombay and Hyderabad. For the first year, in order to popularise the tournament and to encourage the formation of Indian Schools Sports Associations in other Provinces, it has been decided to accept the entries of individual schools. Those who have entered are Muslim University School, Aligarh, and the Scindhia School, Gwalior. The seventh entry is a combined Bangalore schools team.

The tournament will be played on the knock-out system. The visiting teams will be the guests in Calcutta of the Organizing Committee.

ALLEGED THEFT.

Baburao Bapaji and Meghji Parashram two employees of the Bombay Glass Work were arrested by the Mahim Police at Sohrab Mills Lane, yesterday on a charge of theft of iron tools and other materials valued at Rs. 439 from the Glass Work's premises. They were ordered to be released on bail by Mr. G. A. Sabnis, Presidency Magistrate of Dadar, Police Court, to-day, pending investigation.

Provincial Olympic Games

The 8th annual Bombay Provincial Olympic Single Events Games will be commencing from December 14 to January 11.

The following are the items for the season:—5000m. Road Race and 5000m. Walk on December 11. 10,000m. Road Race and 10,000m. Walk on December 28. 50km. Walk on December 21. 100km. Cycle Run on January 4. Marathon on January 11.

Entries should be sent to the Secretary, B.P.O.A., Lalgir Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, four days prior to the race. Further particulars can be had from the Secretary, B.P.O.A.

Charity Match Ends In Draw

AMRAOTI: Dec. 8.

The three-day cricket match in aid of the C. P. and Berar Indian Soldiers' Comforts Fund, between Deodhar's Team and Major Nayudu's Team, ended in a draw to-day. Deodhar's team scored 231 runs in the first innings and 178 in the second. Nayudu's team scored 252 in the first innings and 133 for 8 wickets in the second.—A.P.

Punjab v. Aligarh

ALIGARH, December 9

The three-day match in the Inter-University Cricket Tournament between the Punjab University and the Aligarh Muslim University commenced here to-day.

Batting first the Punjab were all out in their first innings for 257 runs.

When stumps were drawn for the day, Aligarh had made 25 runs for loss of one wicket.—A.P.

Inter-Provincial Table Tennis

MADRAS, Dec. 9.

The Executive Council of the South Indian Table Tennis Association selected the following five players to represent Madras in the forthcoming Inter-Provincial Table Tennis Championships to be held at Delhi.

V. Sivaraman, J. V. Sachithanantha Rao, N. M. Naidu and C. N. Rajan. S. Panchapakesan will be the reserve.

C. N. Rajan has been nominated as the Captain of the team.

The above players will also take part in the All-India Championship.

Mrs. C. K. K. Pillai, the South Indian Champion and another woman player are also likely to participate in the championship contests for women. —A. P.

5,000-Metre Road Race & 5,000-Metre Walk

The Bombay Presidency Olympic Association is organizing the 5,000 Metres Road Race and the 5,000 Metres Walk on Sunday, the 14th December 1941. The events will start at 6 a.m. Athletes will assemble in the Traffic Island opposite the Eros Theatre.

INDORE: Her Highness the Maharani Holkar was admitted to the Kalyanmal Nursing Home on December 6 for treatment. She has been suffering from an attack of Tyellitis since December 1.

Complete Disarmament Only Way For World Peace

Jawaharlal On Ideal Of Non-Violence

(Continued from page 1)

rities; to my mind; there are few people in this wide world who are so incompetent as the Indian authorities in any matter. It is very difficult for intelligent people to submit to the decisions of unintelligent people.

Tribute To Gandhiji's Leadership

Referring to Mahatma Gandhi's leadership, Pandit Nehru said:

Mahatma Gandhi's leadership has been brilliant; he has stood firm as a rock on certain fundamental principles and not allowed himself to be diverted by various smaller happenings. It is very easy for me or anyone else to criticise here or there certain minor developments with which we may not wholly agree, but looking at the scene as a whole, I think that Gandhiji's leadership has not only been straight and sound but brilliant.

Non-Violence

"In regard to non-violence, I have been unable in the past to accept all the implications of the doctrine so far as their practical application is concerned. But I had held that this is an ideal worth striving with all our might and even this world war has demonstrated the utter folly of continued application of violence to a settlement on any problem. In fact, violence to-day can be effectively used only by three or four big Powers; the others may be hangers on. By themselves they are completely ineffective to think in terms of violence.

Complete Disarmament

I am convinced that the only way out for the world is complete disarmament or else more or less complete destruction. I can conceive however of general disarmament being accompanied by international airforce which might be used for police purposes. But it is essential that this should not be under the control of a few Great Powers who can thus impose their will upon others. National freedom for each nation is essential before any such step can be taken.

Basis For Co-operation

Continuing Pandit Nehru said "in regard to India we have amongst us many differences of opinion, some of which are vital. Yet, I think, so far as Indians are concerned, to whatever group they might belong, one thing should be common and that is the freedom of India. It should be possible for all of us to accept this common basis for the present and co-operate together to that end, keeping if necessary all our differences for the future. Working together in spite of other differences will help in resolving those very differences. We are up against very big things in the world. None of us can forget this without becoming petty and low-minded. We have seen how some countries of Asia have, in the course of this war, lost their independence. We must therefore take this larger view and if we cannot make up our differences now at least keep them for a future occasion, meanwhile, working together for the independence of India within the framework of the larger world freedom.

Plea For Transfer Of Power

Referring to the expansion of the Viceroy's Executive Council Pandit Nehru stated "I have never been able to understand the significance of Indianisation in anything, whether it is the Government or the army. One does not talk of the anglicisation of the British Army or the British Government. One talks about nationalisation of the country's Government or army. One talks of power being transferred. The question therefore is not one of Indianisation but of transfer of power and authority controlling that power. If the Executive Council of the Viceroy consisted of Indians of his choice under the present circumstances, it would make no difference to the seat of power; but if representatives who are responsible to others are chosen completely, that means an independent responsible Government and the Viceroy fades out.

Parliamentary Activity

Amplifying this point further, Pandit Nehru stated that Parliamentary activity meant nothing unless there was a responsible parliament functioning. Mere going to the Central Assembly, delivering speeches or asking questions are not functioning in Parliament at all, but whether it is desirable or not is another question. We must not delude ourselves by such vague phrases. But to me this kind of activity is entirely ineffective and unjustified and not in fitness with the general policy of the Congress at the present moment.

The present policy of the Congress is not hundred per cent but is largely one of non-Co-operation. But if you have followed the various movements conducted by the Congress during the last 20 years or so you will have some picture of what that means. When we were not doing anything effective or taking any action we have allowed the opposition to function but it does not now fit in.

Constituent Assembly

Referring to the Constituent Assembly Pandit Nehru said that there was a lot of misunderstanding "I cannot conceive of any valid opposition to that suggestion. I can conceive of an organisation or a minority saying that in certain matters which it considers important, the will of the majority should not prevail against its own wishes. In such cases, either there is agreement between the socalled majority and the so-called minority in the Constituent Assembly or there is disagreement. The question then arises how to meet to that disagreement. To say that an attempt should not be made by the representatives of the country even to find a basis for agreement seems entirely unjustified.

As for the British Government, they have succeeded in creating by their own misguided policy so many knots and tangles in India that they have themselves got tied up in all of them. It is not for me to suggest how they should untie themselves.

Problem Of Minorities

Asked whether minorities should be given separate or joint electorate in the Constituent Assembly, Pandit Nehru said "every minority which has a separate electorate at present and desires to have it should have it."

Satyagraha's Achievement

Asked how far the country had gained from the Satyagraha movement, Pandit Nehru said "It is very difficult to weigh moral issues. The fundamental thing behind Satyagraha movement during these 22 years has been the strenghthening of the Indian people. I think it has succeeded in an ample measure not only in so far as Congressmen are concerned, but even those who may not be within the Congress. In a sense, India has gained tremendously by it. Further it has put forward before the world a method of peaceful struggle which, though it may fall into errors owing to human frailty, is undoubtedly a great evolution in the world of thought as well as action.

In the present instance, I feel that the Satyagraha movement has enabled us to maintain the self-respect and dignity of India, to prevent the demoralisation which a passive submission to foreign authority brings in and to impress the world not only with the Indian demand for freedom but also with a value of the peaceful technique of struggle, while inhuman war goes on in a great part of the world."—A. P.

Plea For Harijan Entry In State Temples

BANGALORE, Dec. 6.

Seventeen Bills (including one non-official Bill), 173 questions and fifty-five resolutions figure on the agenda for the winter session of the reconstituted Mysore Legislative Council, which commences sitting on 15th December, 1941. The session will last for five days, the last day being devoted to non-official business.

A resolution urges the withdrawal of all prohibitory, externment and deportation orders and the release of all politicals, and for meeting the legitimate demands of the people.

The desirability of appointing a committee to ascertain and create public opinion for the purpose of throwing open Government-managed temples (Muzrai) for Harijans in the State is stressed by another resolution.—A.P.

Husein-Day Committee

The next Muharram 1,300 years are being completed to the great sacrifice of the great martyr—Imam Husein, the grandson of Prophet Mohamed who sacrificed his everything in the desert of Kerbala for the sake of Truth.

This unique commemoration of the 13th centenary is being observed all over the country. The Husein Day Committee, Bombay, has also been active in this direction and has appointed various Committees with a view to do justice to the commemoration of such a great sacrifice.

Sir Byramji Jijibhoy has accepted the Presidentship of this Committee, and the following gentlemen have also accepted the Patronship thereof:—Pandit Lalitaprasad Shad of Meerut, His Holiness Sirdar Syedana Taher Saifuddin Saheb, Dr. J. A. Collaco, Mayor of Bombay, Prof. Byramgore Anklesharia, Mr. B. G. Kher Ex-Prime Minister, Bombay, Khwazah Hassan Nizami Saheb of Delhi, Rev. Father Pallacious, Ex-Principal, St. Xavier's College, Bombay, Sir Ibrahim Rehemtulla, Mr. Dastur Kaikhushru Kutar, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Hon. Sir Rahimtulla Chinoy, Diwan Bahadur K. M. Zaveri, Mr. M. K. Namazee, Mr. Ranchhoddas Lotwala, Mr. Huseinbhoy Laljee, Mr. Faiz B. Taiyebjee, ex-Justice Bombay High Court, Mr. Gordhandas Morarji, Mr. Aboobakar Begmohamed, Syed Abdulla Brelvi, Mr. A. U. Botawala, Mr. Ismail Mohamed Banatwala, Haji Abdulkarim Kassam Khatao.

A meeting will be held in Bombay in the month of Muharram to celebrate the occasion.

The Honorary Secretaries of this Committee are:—Haji Dawood Haji Nassur and Khan Bahadur Haji H. P. Ebrahim.

The Honorary Treasurers are:—Khan Bahadur H. S. Mohamed Consul for Monaco, and Mr. Ismail Abdulkarim Panju.

REPRESSION IN RAJPIPLA

Demand For Release Of Leaders

A representative meeting of the subjects of Rajpipla State residing in Bombay was held in the hall of the Social Welfare Group. It was resolved to send the following telegram to H. H. the Maharaja of Rajpipla.

"This meeting of Rajpipla State subjects residing in Bombay is deeply grieved at the grave and tense atmosphere prevailing in the Rajpipla State due to the arrest of trusted leaders of the people of the State for championing their cause, defending their civil liberties and striving for their amelioration.

This meeting is also shocked at the inhuman and derogatory treatment meted out to the arrested leaders who are treated worse than criminals, kept in isolated places.

We, therefore, appeal to his Highness to restore goodwill between the State and its people by forthwith releasing the trusted leaders and withdrawing all restrictions against Loksabha.

The meeting also resolved to meet again to concert measures to meet the grave situation in Rajpipla State.

2000th ANNIVERSARY OF VIKRAMADITYA

The preliminary consultative meeting regarding the celebration of the 2,000th Anniversary of Emperor Vikramaditya took place at Dewas Junior.

At the meeting the following points were discussed and considered:—

1. The proposed celebration may not be restricted to the Parmar Princes and Chiefs alone, but in as much as all Indians are concerned in the past glory, learning and exploits of Vir Vikramaditya, the proposed celebration may be thrown open to all irrespective of caste and creed. With that view co-operation of public bodies such as literary, political, social, and historical bodies and institutions may be sought. 2. A suitable commemoration volume containing articles, thesis, contributions by research and learned scholars on the life, time, reign and exploits of Vir Vikramaditya may be published. 3. It was also proposed to draw up a co-ordinated and collected history of all the Parmar Ruling Dynasties and publish it in a separate volume. 4. A Historical Research Committee be appointed to make all sorts of researches and gather material that would throw light on Vikramaditya and his times. 5. A monumental memorial of Vir Vikramaditya be erected at Ujjain, the place where he reigned. The form and nature of memorial may be decided upon later on. 6. The central place for holding the celebration will be Ujjain, but similar celebrations may be held all throughout India. 7. In order to create personal points of contacts, cooperation and interest a deputation may be sent out to personally explain the ideas to various Princes, Chiefs, public bodies, notables and persons of importance.

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BOMBAY & SUBURBS

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To-day

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Sunrise: 7h. 1m.
Sunset: 6h. 2m.
Hightide: 3-34, 15-41
Lowtide: 9-52, 21-22
Standing Committee meeting at 3-30 p.m. (B.T.).

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN WESTERN INDIA: Silver Jubilee Gathering of this institution will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 5-30 p.m. at the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Home King's Circle, Matunga, when the portraits of the late Mr. Rustomjee Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, the late Sir George Carmichael, the late Sir Temulji Nariman, Sir John Wardlaw Milne, M.P., Mr. R. P. Masani and Khan Bahadur H. S. Katrak will be unveiled by the Governor of Bombay and prizes will be distributed by Lady Lumley

PUBLIC MEETING AT CHOWPATTY: Under the auspices of the Congress Socialist Party, Smt. Kamladevi Chattopadhya will address a public meeting to-day (Wednesday) at 5-30 p.m. at Chowpatty. Sjt. Yusuf Meherally will preside.

BOMBAY WAR GIFTS FUND: A sum of Rs. 25,000 has been received from Sir Sorab Saklatvala, Chairman of the Trustees of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, for providing Amenities for Indian Troops and their Families towards relief purposes.

GUMASTA DAY MEETINGS: The Gumasta Day meetings will be held to-day (Wednesday) at Dadar and Lal Baug as noted below:—

At 9-30 p.m., when loud speakers will be installed, under the presidentship of Sjt. Harkisondas Mehra, at Moti Bhuvan, Dadar.

At 9-30 p.m., under the presidentship of Sjt. Mulchandji Vyas at Ganesh Gali, Lal Baug.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Lectures on 'Some 19th century authors who aimed at reform' will begin in Wilson College to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m. Other classes for the day as usual.

DECCAN AMATEURS' CLUB, DADAR: The general meeting of the above Club will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) at "Saraswati Dham" Gokhale Road, (North) Dadar.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: A public meeting for questions and answers will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain. All questions are welcome and all are cordially invited.

F. A. E. EXHIBITION: Fine Art Educational Exhibition will be held to-day (Wednesday) at the Hume High School, Byculla. Demonstration will be given by Mr. M. K. Parandekar at 4-15 p.m. on 'Water Colour.' Talk will be given by Dr. Motichandra, on 'Moghul Art', (Lantern Slides). Lt.-Col. Jelal M. Shah will preside.

BOMBAY CITIZENS' ANTI-PENTANGULAR COMMITTEE: A meeting of the above Committee will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 5-30 p.m. at the Chambers of Syt. Bhulabhai Desai at 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay 1, to devise ways and means to cultivate public opinion against 'Pentangulars.'

A. R. P. VOLUNTEERS

Rumours are still being spread by malicious persons to the effect that A.R.P. volunteers will be required to serve outside Bombay or even overseas. These rumours are entirely false.

Volunteers will only be asked to work in their own towns. In point of fact they will as a rule work in the neighbourhood of their own homes.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION: Under the auspices of Citizens' Anti-Pentangular Committee, a students' meeting will be held at South Bombay Students' Union's Office, to protest against Pentangular today (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. Mr. M. L. Shah (General Secretary, A.I.S.F.) will preside. Messs. H. J. Gilani, P. M. Joshi, Miss Krishna Joshi, Miss Kamlini Raiji and others will address the meeting.

"SWAMI'S LECTURES"

With reference to the news paragraph which appeared in our issue of Saturday, the 6th December 1941, under the caption "Swami's Lectures", purporting to be a notice of a series of lectures by "Swami Sadanand Vasarthi alias Suna Shiva," we are informed that the communication was totally unauthorised by Swami Sadanand Saraswati of Talmakiwadi, Tardeo, and that it was evidently intended by the sender to ridicule the Swami. We regret the publication of the paragraph.

SAMAJ SAMTA SANGH: Under the joint auspices of Samaj Samta Sangh and Youth Lodge, Theosophical Society, a music and dancing competition committee is formed to organize and conduct a music and dancing competition in Bombay. Those who want to take part in the competition are requested to apply to the Secretary, Samaj Samta Sangh, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge.

The following are the Committee members:—Mr. Champaklal Modi, Judge Small Causes Court, President; Mrs. Hirabai Javeri; Miss Kusum Lad; Miss Ratan Sakhalkar; Mr. A. I. Ezekiel; Mr. G. N. Joshi; Mr. H. C. Bali; Mr. S. S. Hammond; Mr. R. D. Aurangabadkar and Mr. Anant V. Ullal, Jt. Secretaries.

DADOBA GAWAND SHIELD CRICKET TOURNAMENT. E, F & G WARDS: This Tournament, open for all Hindu Clubs of the above Wards, will commence from the 1st week of January 1942. The entries will be closed on the 13th of December 1941 at 7 p.m. A meeting of the representatives will be held the same day and at the same time at the Dadar Hindu Gymkhana, Shivaji Park, Dadar. Clubs desirous of taking part in the above Tournament are requested to send their entries to the Hon. Secretary, C/o Regal Radio Service, Empress Mahal, Khodadad Circle, Dadar. Particulars of the Tournament can be had from the Secretary at the above address, between 5-30 and 7 p.m. daily.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Bitter Sweet" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Moon Over Miami" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Whistling In The Dark" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Come on George". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Parachute Battalion" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Darshan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Nai Roshni" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Anjan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Sangam" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Gharki Laj" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Sasural" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Sant Sakhu" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"The Birth Of A Baby" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Swami" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Chitra-Lekha" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Himmat" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"In The Navy" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Circus Queen" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Ummeed" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.

Black-out Test To-morrow Night

A black-out test will be held in Bombay from 10-15 until 10-30 p.m. on Thursday, December 11.

The sirens will sound the alarm at 10-15 and all lights visible from outside should immediately be extinguished. All persons not required to be out of doors on police or A.R.P. duty must immediately take cover in some substantially constructed building as they are required to do in the case of the usual A.R.P. exercises. No person should leave cover until the "All Clear" is sounded at 10-30.

Indian Federation Of Labour

The Secretary of Indian Federation of Labour has received a communication from the Government of India agreeing to allow the Federation to be represented by 8 representatives in its interview with the Hon. Labour Member of the Government of India at Calcutta on 3rd January 1942. The Federation has been invited by the Government to discuss with the Labour member certain labour legislations contemplated by the Government.

The Executive Council of the Federation will meet in Calcutta on the 2nd of January 1942, when a delegates' Conference of all affiliated Unions will also be held. Prominent amongst those constituting the Federation's delegation are Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, Mr. M. N. Roy, Mr. M. A. Khan, and Mr. V. B. Karnik.

On The Air

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

Delhi 1—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops in the Far East. 5 Saraswati Veena recital. 5-15 For women. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Special announcements. 6-15 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 6-30 The urge of the masses, 3. 6-45 For villagers only. 7-45 It has happened. 7-50 Abdul Haq. 8 Iqbal Bano. 8-15 Ahmad Raza. 8-30 Nabi Jan. 8-40 Farhat Jahan Bibbo. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-40 B B C News relay. 9-45 Iqbal Bano. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Gita Jayanti programme. 10-35 Farhat Jahan Bibbo.

Bombay 1—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Sarinda recital. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 Ghulam Rasool. 8-40 Vimal Patki. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Venubai Dewasthali. 9-20 P. Taranath. 9-40 Jaltarang Solo. 9-50 Aliah Rakha. 12-30 p.m. Marathi bhavgeets. 12-45 Classical hits. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Film songs. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-15 School broadcast. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Kishori Ghia. 5-15 T. G. Kulkarni. 5-25 Venubai Dewasthali. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 P. Taranath. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Kishori Ghia. 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Ghulam Rasool. 6-45 Vimal Patki. 7 Nazi Sansar. 3. 7-15 K. H. Wakankar. 7-35 Venubai Dewasthali. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Air chorus party. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Playhouse. 8-45 At a quarter to... 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Marathi pad. 10-10 Sindhi song. 10-15 Playhouse. 10-20 Khayal. 10-35 Screen hits.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 K. H. Wakankar. 8-25 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Three ghazals. 9 Anant Kerkar. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

4-15 to 5-40 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-40 Nisar Ahmad. 5-50 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Mirabai Bhajan. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 P. Taranath. 8-20 Basant on Hamidi. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 Khayal duet. 9-30 Julia Wortmann. 9-45 Phyllis Jeffery. 10 Mehli Mehta. 10-15 to 10-45 As in Bombay 1.

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Governor Opens Exhibition Of Art Silk Fabrics

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The opening ceremony of an Exhibition of the Art Silk fabrics materials which, in the words of the Bombay Governor who declared it open, "must find a ready market amongst those most competent to read the feminine mind" was performed at Podar Chambers, Fort, Bombay, on Tuesday

The ceremony was preceded by a tea-party when Mr. Ramdeo A. Podar, President of the Silk and Art Silk Mills' Association Ltd., dwelt on the handicaps of the industry, particularly after the entry of Japan into the war.

Over 250 guests had been invited and prominent amongst those present were Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Mr. C. B. Mehta, Sir Victor Sassoon, Mr. J. M. B. Gibbons, Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy and Mr. Advani, Director of Industries.

The exhibition was opened under the auspices of the Association and on the occasion, the Governor thanked the Association for the cheque—a sum of Rs. 31,000—which the Chairman handed over to him for helping wounded Indian soldiers and their families.

Mr. Podar, in the course of his speech, said:

PODAR ON INDUSTRY'S PROGRESS

"Our is a new industry in this country and still in its infancy. Nevertheless, from what we have been able to show in the exhibition, I have no doubt, Your Excellency will agree with me, that the progress made by the industry in the short time is very satisfactory. My Association is deeply grateful to you Sir, for the personal interest you have taken in the development of this industry and specially for the strong representation which Your Excellency made in the interest of this new and promising industry of our Province when on the occasion of the last budget of the Government of India an extra duty prejudicial to its growth was levied. In this connection, I take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the members of the Central Legislature who are present as well as those who are absent to-day for the vigorous fight they put up to stop the consequential harm from the levy of the extra duty.

After referring to the lack of permanent buildings to house the industry in order to ensure permanency for it, he referred to another handicap and said:—

"The other handicap is our entire dependence upon imported yarn. The stock of yarn in the country is practically negligible and as soon as it is exhausted, we will have to cry halt to the industry, causing unemployment to labour."

"The post-war economic conditions deserve a careful handling from now and the British Government is not unmindful of the same."

Continuing he said:

"So far, cotton textile industry has been the main stay of our Presidency and though the artificial silk industry is still in its infancy, it has full potentiality of much greater development which would appreciably add to the prosperity of the Presidency, and must therefore receive its due care at the hands of the Government."

Governor On Marketing Problem

Sir Roger Lumley, the Governor of Bombay, in the course of his speech said:—

"The finding of a market for silk goods is to-day, however, the least of your problems: you are almost wholly dependent on imported yarn and in the trading conditions which exist at present that fact imposes a handicap upon you for which it is hard to see a remedy. I learn that the Indian Central Cotton Committee have on order an experimental artificial silk plant, but large imports of such machinery will, I fear, be difficult to obtain until after the war. The Provincial Government has a sericultural scheme in being but it will not produce any appreciable quantity of silk for some time, though the experimental farm at Belgaum has been well laid out and the mulberry trees should be able to start breeding silk worms next month. You must, therefore, be prepared, so long as existing conditions continue, for an almost total suspension of silk weaving and much dislocation and unemployment amongst labour. This is a very serious problem but is one which we must be prepared to face.

"Your Chairman has referred to various disabilities under which you operate at present and, in particular, to the burden of Excess Profits Tax. This tax is, of course, a matter for the Central Government and the Central Legislature and it is not for me to anticipate what their answer will be to any representations which you may make.

"I am very glad to know that you are applying yourselves to the problems of the post-war period. These will be enormous both in scale and complexity and the more thinking and planning we can do now, the sooner will solutions be reached when the time comes. An industry, like yours, which has great potentialities for expansion, may be able to play a most important part in post-war conditions. The longer the war lasts, the more difficult will be the problems of peace. Until victory is won our energies must be bent first and foremost to destroying the enemies of humanity and all their evil works as quickly as possible.

"Yesterday Japan added herself to our enemies and by a treacherous attack, well learnt, no doubt, from her Nazi masters, brought the United States into the war in the Far East. Thus the war extends over the whole earth. We must all stand together and we must work to defend ourselves and to defeat the enemies of humanity."

Mr. Shantidas Askuran thanked the Governor and the guests.

Tributes To Brunners' Paintings

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"I am not an artist, but I can say, that the attempt of the artists (Mrs. and Miss Brunner) is really laudable and their success also immense, from the point of view of a common man" observed Dr. Collaco, the Mayor of Bombay while estimating the worth of the exhibits of Mrs. and Miss Brunner in Town Hall, to-day Madam Sophia Wadia also expressed admiration for the paintings when she said "They come from a heart that loves India and Indian philosophy they are symbolic of the Indian mysticism and spiritualism". "Landscapes", she further said, "show a remarkable keen observation coupled with a pense for the beautiful and the sublime".

Prominent among those present were Hon. Mr. Nuiree, the Maharani of Indore, the Maharani of Shiroyee, Barrister Oak, I. S. Patel and others.

M.L.A. & 11 OTHERS JAILED FOR RIOTING

BURDWAN, Dec. 9.

Adwaita Charan Majhi, M.L.A., (Scheduled Caste) and eleven others have been sentenced to undergo R.I. for six months each under Section 147 I.P.C. (rioting).

The riot is alleged to have taken place with a rival party at Berugram, the home village of Majhi over the construction and extension of a school room.

Mahjihas filed an appeal against the order before the District Judge and has been released on bail.—A.P.

MORE HAJ PILGRIMS FROM PALESTINE THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3.

According to a preliminary estimate, 925 pilgrims from Palestine have registered with Government for this year's Haj. The final figure will probably be higher. This is a large increase on last year, when there were fewer than 400 pilgrims.

Major-General R. H. Candy, Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, formally presented a new Ambulance car to the St. John Ambulance Parsi Brigade on Sunday. Picture shows Maj.-Genl. Candy inspecting the Nursing Division of the Brigade on the occasion.

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RESUME NEGOTIATIONS

Gandhiji's latest statement on the release of prisoners is made in the spirit of one who sees in the release a challenge and is more than prepared to accept it. The amnesty, he says, "must be taken as a challenge to convene a meeting of the A.I.C.C. which the Government of India have been evidently induced to expect, will reverse the Bombay decision whose working is reflected in my conduct of the Satyagraha campaign." He has advised the President to convene a meeting of the Working Committee and the A.I.C.C. at an early date. Gandhiji is the last man to do anything or advise others to do anything on grounds of 'izzat' or in a spirit of retaliation. But he has left no one in doubt as to what attitude he will take up at either of the two meetings. Even before the starting of Satyagraha he had begun to regret his benevolent neutrality towards the Poona offer, almost welcomed its non-acceptance by Government and offered to lead a campaign to vindicate the right of preaching pacifism. He thinks he has no reason to feel that his campaign has failed. And now he says with adamantine determination: "As a man sworn to peace at this critical moment to suspend my anti-war activity would be to deny myself." For one with such strength of conviction, to whom truth as he understands it is religion, no other course is imaginable than an uncompromising struggle for his conscience. The world has many a grand lesson to learn from such a heroic man. Perhaps, the grandest lesson is that each one who reveres him should emulate his example and regard his own conscience as his own religion. In the face of the present terrible crisis nothing less can be expected from Congress leaders, who hold in their hands the destinies of millions of their countrymen. It is not merely that the war has been brought at India's doors, but, with America's entry into it, as a result of Japanese aggression, it has assumed a new aspect. The leaders of India cannot ignore this fact. A new approach to it is urgently necessary.

The Real Issue

What Gandhiji refuses to do at any cost is to stop his anti-war activity. On another occasion he has made it clear that this activity is to vindicate the right to preach pacifism in a non-violent way so as not to embarrass Government. He has chosen this issue because, first, it serves the cause of non-violence and, secondly, because he knows that the vast majority of Congressmen who do not share his views on non-violence with regard to national defence support him in his insistence on the right to preach pacifism even in the midst of war. If, therefore, the issue before the A.I.C.C. is whether or not the right to preach pacifism is to be vindicated the whole house will insist on it and the Satyagraha will be resumed. But this is not the main issue before the country or before the overwhelming majority of Congressmen who regard it as their duty to defend the country in all legitimate ways, of course, on reasonable conditions. The real issue is what should be the conditions on which they can whole-heartedly co-operate in war effort. This should not be allowed to be side-tracked. And this will not be side-tracked if Government consider the terms for the whole-hearted support of the Congress. Everything depends on the terms. And this is the crucial test alike for the Government and the Congress.

Begin At Once

Some Congressmen say that there should be no change in the Congress programme. What they really mean is that there should be no change so long as Government do not change their policy. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru asks: "How can I fight for a thing which is denied to me—freedom"? There will be no room for the question if Government agree to the transfer of substance of power and start negotiations about details. The Congress position is clearly explained by Pundit Jawaharlal who says: "If it were made clear by the British Government that they accept the Congress position—which is the transfer of real power—not just for the Congress, but for India, and give effect to it, this in itself would be a major international event changing the whole character of the world. Inevitably, the many drawbacks and obstacles towards giving support to the allied cause would then be removed. How India would give practical effect to its undoubted moral support to that cause then would be matter for full consideration; it will have to be decided by the representatives of the people of India. The immediate object before India would necessarily be to defend itself." It appears that both sides are eager to arrive at an honourable settlement but are not prepared to commit themselves to definite terms as these depend on a variety of circumstances. If so, a few representatives of Government like Mr. Aney and Sir Sultan Ahmed can start informal negotiations with a few representatives of the Congress like the Congress President and Mr. C. Rajagopalacharlar. If Government are earnest about a settlement they should arrange for such a meeting even before the Working Committee meets.

How To Tackle Problem Of Rising Prices

By

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Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao is one of our best known economists. According to him the best way to tackle the problem of rising, prices is to undertake a big production drive, to increase taxes and, thereby, reduce the pressure of civilian spending power on the nation's production, to raise loans in such a way that they are paid out of current income and, finally, to ration the reduce output.

The recent and growing agitation all over the country for dearness allowances is a clear indicator of the fact that the price level is going up and going up sufficiently to affect the cost of living. If one takes the Calcutta index number of wholesale prices, we find that whereas the index number of the general price level was 100 in August 1939, it has gone up to 151 in October 1941. In other words, during the last 26 months, prices in India in general have advanced by 50%. The percentage rise, however, has not been the same in the case of all groups of commodities. The following statement gives the percentage rises in prices of the groups of commodities mentioned below in October 1941 as compared to August 1939

Cereals	+ 50
Pulses	+ 23
Sugar	— 3
Tea	+ 72
Other goods	+ 53
Oil seeds	+ 6
Jute, raw	+ 67
Cotton, raw	+ 28
Cotton manufactures	+114
Wool and silk manufactures	+102
Hides and skins	+ 28
Metals	+ 55
Other raw materials	+ 46
Timber	+ 14

It will be seen that manufactures in general have recorded far higher rises in prices than agricultural commodities. The table also reveals the comparatively disadvantageous position in which oil-seeds, raw cotton and hides and skins have found themselves in the price movement. The figures also show, however, that the tendency to rise has affected the prices of practically all classes of commodities; it is not surprising therefore that a substantial rise should have taken place in the cost of living and demands should be being made for dearness allowances.

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The rise in prices has proceeded sufficiently far to necessitate a public discussion of the reason of its doing so. Why have prices gone up by 50 p.c. in two years?—an extent of rise which may almost be described as unprecedented in Indian economic history. Even during the last war, the rise in prices which took place in the first two years was only 28 p.c. It is necessary to make this inquiry in order to find out if the rise is inflationery in character. If it should be inflationery in character, it is desirable that steps should be taken to deal with it at an early stage. Inflation is usually associated with the creation of additional currency without a corresponding increase in total production, additional currency relating not only to note issue but also to bank deposits. The following statement gives the figures of the quantity of notes in circulation and the total of sight deposits in Indian banks in August 1939 and October 1941.

(Figures in crores of rupees.)

	Notes in circulation.	Percentage.	Total of demand deposits.	Percentage.	Total	Percentage.
August 1939	180	100	143	100	323	100
October 1941.	293	163	224	157	517	160

It will be seen that three conclusions follow an analysis of the statements given above:

Firstly, the percentage increase in the quantity of money during the last 26 months has been not only as much as that in the price level, but is greater by 10 p.c.

Secondly, the slightly lower rate of increase in the price level can be explained by the increase in industrial production and in trading activity which has taken place as a result of the war effort.

Thirdly, the rise in prices is undoubtedly a consequence of the vast and unprecedented increase in the quantity of money.

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The disturbing element in the whole situation is the fact that the increase in production has been nowhere near the increase in the quantity of money and consequently the real value of the Indian rupee has fallen by 33 p.c. in two years. The resulting demand for dearness allowances, while perfectly justified from the point of view of the individuals or classes demanding it, is adding to the danger of the situation, for the grant of dearness allowances is treated as an addition to the cost of production and this in turn leads to a further rise in prices; the rise in prices is followed by an increase in the quantity of money which sustains the rise of prices; this additional rise in prices leads to a demand for increased dearness allowances which in turn leads to a further rise in prices and so the road to inflation progresses. It is necessary, therefore, to arrest this inflationery process before it gets out of hand and that means putting a brake on the creation of additional currency.

It may be contended, however, that instead of attempting to limit currency with its possibly adverse effects on the money markets and on business confidence, it would be better to attempt control of prices; and where this is not effective, to get dearness allowances granted to the salaried classes. It is, however, not so easy to control prices in a country of the vast size of India and the large number and variety of its producers; and in any case, it would be impossible to do so if simultaneously new additions are being made to purchasing power, and this would be the case if the present increases in the volume of money are allowed to continue. As for dearness allowances, I have already pointed out that it is no genuine remedy and will only lead to a further rise in prices. Moreover, all salaried classes do not get dearness allowances; in particular, the clerical class, Government officials, Municipal employees and members of the teaching profession—in short, all classes of workers who normally do not resort to strikes for the redress of their grievances—do not get any dearness allowances. Further, the rise in prices is, as we have already seen, unevenly distributed over different classes of commodities and the farmer's rupee suffers a greater fall in its purchasing power. In view of all these factors, the best way to tackle the problem of rising prices is to go to the root of the matter and strike at the basic cause, viz., additions to the currency.

How can this be done? This can be done without adversely affecting the financing of the war in four ways:

(1) by undertaking a big production drive and increasing the nation's output of not only certain classes of industrial goods but of all industrial and agricultural goods in the country,

(2) by increasing taxes and thereby reducing the pressure of civilian spending power on the nation's production,

(3) by raising loans in such a manner that they are paid out of current income e.g. along the lines advocated by Keynes for England and partially adopted there—which will lead to a reduction of civilian demand for current production,

(4) by rationing which will limit civilian demand and at the same time ensure a more equitable distribution among the civilian population of the reduced output now available for them.

In other words, the problem of rising prices can be safely and correctly tackled partly by increasing production and partly by diminishing civilian demand for current production. The achievement of both these measures requires, however, a tremendous interference with the daily routine of economic life in India; and it is interference of a type which no Government constituted like the present Government of India can safely undertake. It is only the trusted leaders of the people who can dare to demand of them the sacrifices and hardships that rationing, borrowing on a larger scale, and efforts at increasing both production and taxation, will all involve. It is, therefore, essential that a people's Government should be installed in power and that, too, as early as possible, if the war is to be successfully financed in India without at the same time involving the risk of inflation. The remedy is in Mr. Churchill's hands. A Prime Minister who could offer the French union with the British can surely offer the Indians self-government. Now is the time for him to do so, will he do it? On the answer hangs not only the trend of the rising Indian price level but also the war effort of India and therefore the fate of the British Empire itself.

"Holy" War

The war in the Pacific enters its third day with the situation crystallizing into a comprehensible pattern after the crazy orgy of stabs-in-the-back indulged in by Japan at the very start. Taken unawares, no doubt, by an unscrupulous enemy, the American and British Governments have acted promptly, though, of course, they have observed the 'old-fashioned' formality of 'declaring a war.' It is ironical to see the Japanese statement that they are meeting the British attack "to ensure the independence of Thailand." While the thrust into Thailand was clearly aimed at Burma, the Japanese strategy appears to be to capture British positions on the mainland and American island bases in the Pacific by blitzkrieg tactics, before the Anglo-American navy can jointly hit back. Hence the simultaneous raids on Shanghai, Hongkong, Guama, Singapore, Honolulu, Manila and other places in the Philippines. Apart from occupying the International Settlement at Shanghai, which the British had never any intention of defending, and a few minor American islands, they have not succeeded in getting a real foothold anywhere. They have no doubt made some landings in Northern Malaya where their advance is being strongly contested by British troops including Indian units. Meanwhile, American planes have been rushed to reinforce the Pacific bases and operations are continuing against the Japanese forces in the neighbourhood of Hawaii islands.

Against this crimson background of a Pacific aflame with war treacherously started by Japan, the Mikado's apologia looks too blatantly hypocritical for any comment. "It has been truly unavoidable and far from our wishes" says the Japanese Emperor's Rescript, "that our Empire has now been brought to cross swords with America and Britain" and puts the blame for the war on these two countries. Even more nauseating is the statement of the puppet Premier of Manchukuo announcing "a joint stand with Japan in this holy war."

Indians And Sea Service

In his address to the cadets of the training ship "Dufferin" on Tuesday Sir Sultan Ahmed complacently remarked that the expansion from 7 cadets to 136 in fourteen years was quite encouraging "considering that our people have not been sea-minded." Nobody will blame Sir Sultan for the disgracefully slow pace of expansion, considering the needs of the country and the vast material available for manning an Indian navy or mercantile marine. But Sir Sultan is obviously not right when he says that Indians are not sea minded or that the slow expansion has been due to any lack of enthusiasm shown by the people. There are numerous Indian lads who are, or who can be trained to be, sufficiently seaminded. If many of these are not available to the training ship "Dufferin" it is because the recruiting is faulty, the training is too costly and, finally, employment to the qualified cadets is uncertain, thanks to Government's failure to build up a strong Indian navy and mercantile marine. We endorse Sir Sultan's repeated appeal "to all the shipping companies to give greater facilities for service on their ships." Indian companies have already done much in this direction but non Indian companies need to be influenced by Government.

Frankly Speaking

Moscow Is Yet Far

The Nazi Generals have finally given up the hope of taking Moscow this winter. The National Broadcasting Company of America quotes official German sources as saying that the plan has been definitely abandoned. This is further borne out by Monday's German 'communique' which reports only local actions on the Eastern Front declaring that operations there are conditioned by the start of Russian winter. This is more than a mere weather report. It is an apologia for the frustration of the original Nazi plan to blitz their way to Moscow and Leningrad. And it is not only the severity of the Russian winter that has checked the German advance but also the tenacity and determined resistance of the Soviet forces. And if, as we hope, the Russians continue to receive the necessary equipment from U.S.A., we can safely predict that Moscow will never be conquered by the Nazis.

We Need Both

Speaking at Lucknow on the place of cottage industries in the country's economic life. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said we needed both large scale and small scale industries. We need both to produce as much as the country needs and we particularly need cottage industries to ensure employment for the unemployed and underemployed in villages who cannot leave their lands and cannot get enough sustenance from them. What matters most now is that one should scrupulously use Swadeshi goods. Pandit Jawaharlal cited the instance of China where many cottage industries are carried on on co-operative lines. It is possible to do likewise here if leaders take more active interest in co-operation in all its forms.

Weavers In Distress

The handloom weavers in Bihar and the U.P. are said to be in severe distress for want of yarn to keep their looms working. So far as the difficulty is about the present higher price of yarn, it should be possible for the local Governments to help them to get loans through co-operative societies. But if there is difficulty in getting any mill yarn, the weavers can help themselves a little by using handspun yarn entirely or partially for the woof. If their women folk and all old folk and even children can be got to card cotton and spin it, they can at least tide over the present crisis as cotton is now cheap and cloth fetches a good price. The All-India Spinners' Association should do something for those weavers who are willing to use handspun yarn even partially.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The truth is not always true politeness.

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Men who know themselves are often suspicious of others.

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Don't make yourself common: the world sits up and takes notice only of the uncommon.

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When a man goes away from home for a change he usually comes back with less than he had when he started.

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When a man begins to shout his good deeds from the housetops it is your cue to look in the cellar for his evil ones.

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Girls may worship novel heroes, but in real life they prefer men who can provide them with three square meals a day.

REASON

"Many are destined to reason wrongly; other's not to reason at all; and others to persecute those who do reason"

VOLTAIRE

Ex-Minister Speaks Out To Ex-Governor

Humiliating Conditions For Ex-Premier In Jail

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 9.

The "National Herald" publishes a somewhat sensational letter written by Mr. Rafiahmed Kidwai to Sir Harry Haig, former Governor of the United Provinces from Gorakhpur District Jail on August 17.

Mr. Kidwai says: "Mr. Ross, who is now in Gorakhpur visited the jail yesterday and after a formal enquiry about my comforts casually asked which side I would like to win the war. I confess I found myself nonplussed. For answer I began vaguely and argumentatively and expressed my doubts (regarding the exact answer). I hope you remember how anxious our leaders, including Pt. Jawaharlal, were for settlement with Government in order that we might play our part against Nazi aggression. My own attitude was I believe a surprise to you as I was considered to be incorrigible amongst your Ministers.

U. P. GOVERNMENT CRITICISED

Mr. Kidwai criticised the policy of the U. P. Government and says it is mostly responsible for the prevailing bitterness. This policy was initiated by Sir Maurice Hallet with the slogan "He who is not with us is against us," no doubt a Fascist slogan. As you are aware the Congress has been condemning totalitarianism for years. Hundreds of men are put in jail without any trial but they are treated not as detenus but as convicted and facilities which the legislature safeguarded for them under the Defence of India Act are denied to them. I sought permission of the U. P. Government to take the matter to a Law Court, but the Judicial Secretary informed me "that H. E. the Governor is not prepared to allow you to consult a lawyer in regard to filing a suit against the Government challenging the validity of Security Prisoner Rules or in regard to taking action against the jail authorities for exceeding Government instructions."

What a reply from a Government, which claims to govern the country according to law!

THIS PICTURE AND THAT

Only yesterday I read in papers that Dr. Colijin, the anti-Nazi Dutch ex-Premier who was recently arrested by Hitler's agents, has not been sent to concentration camps but confined to a hotel and allowed short country trips. Here in U. P. Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant pro-British ex-Premier, is locked in Almora Jail and allowed interview under conditions which he finds too humiliating. It is always difficult for us to take pretensions of Britain to establish democratic Government in India seriously.

—These are extracts from a long letter.

Nazi New Order Is Slavery For Others

The new order envisaged by Hitler was a negation of human values, observed Mr. S. H. Prater, delivering a lecture on "New Order Under the Nazis", under the auspices of the Society of Retired Parsi Officers at Electric House, Bombay, on Tuesday evening. Prof. Sohrab R. Davar, presided.

Germany under the guise of this much vaunted new order would be able to bring about the complete subjugation of Europe in all respects, political, economical and social.

Under this order Germany would secure for herself the entire manufacturing and industrial capacity of Europe and the surrounding countries which would be assigned the roles of producing food and raw material.

This arrangement, the speaker said, would result in Germany acquiring a monopoly of heavy industries, which in turn would put Germany in a monopolistic position with regard to military might.

The Nazi new order according to the speaker was not an economic plan. Hitler had no other use for economics but as a means of attaining power.

Concluding the lecturer remarked that the real issue to-day was not of economic values but of human values.

Normal S. I. R. Train Service

MADRAS Dec. 9.

After an interval of nearly a week, through running of trains has been resumed to-day on the main line of the South Indian Railway, all the breaches between Villupuram and Mayavaram having been repaired.—A. P.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"The B.B.C. on Thursday broadcast their feature "End of a Empire" in the Eastern Service. It followed nicely on news of the fall of Gondar and was said to have been based on material supplied by the Imperial General Staff. But the compiler of the programme certainly didn't select his material well for the Eastern Service. During most of the programme at any rate there was little mention of the Indian Army. Why? I thought our men played a most important part."—

—Radio commentator of "Times of India."

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Pacific—alas, no longer!

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Sardar Sant Singh wants an urgent session of the Assembly to declare a war upon Japan.

Is Sardar Sahib such a simpleton—or is he trying to be funny?

Hasn't he read Mr. Churchill's declaration of war?

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Mr. Brailsford, while strongly criticising Mr. Churchill's attitude to India, refers to "the blind spots of this irreplaceable leader."

It seems the "blind spots" are as irreplaceable as the leader!

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At last Premier Churchill has sent a message to Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek assuring him that henceforth Britain and China would fight the common foe together.

And yet a few months ago China was also one of Churchill's blind spots!

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PANIC ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Price Structure Collapses

—Commercial Page headlines.

Collapses—and buries the poor consumer under the debris!

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The situation that had arisen in the Far East had been anticipated for two years and preparations had been made to meet it, stated a military spokesman in New Delhi.

These military spokesmen—how divinely reassuring they are!

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"The time had come," said the same spokesman, "when India must face facts."

But evidently the time has not yet come for the Government of India to face facts!

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Speaking at a school students' meeting, the well-known cricketer, Mr. Rangnekar said that he could not agree that the Pentangulars fostered communal disharmony. The crowd at those matches, he maintained, was more alive to how the game was played than to the particular community to which the players belonged.

If that is really so, then why hold the tournament on communal lines at all?

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IMPENDING APOLOGY?

"MENAKA'S BALLET AT BARODA—Gives Performance With Phenomenal Success Before Suffocating Audience."

—Evening paper headlines.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(1) Now that Thailand has permitted passage of Japanese troops, the country will renounce her present name which means "Land of the Free" and revert to the original and less pretentious Siam.

(2) Isolationist Colonel Lindbergh has turned Retaliationist and wants President Roosevelt to put him in charge of all air operations.

(3) Now that the war has come to the Pacific Coast, Hollywood Studios will shift to New York to be able to make war pictures in peace!

(4) Members of the Viceroy's Executive Council have started publicly defending their policies as a measure of desperate self-defence.

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A preacher had delivered a stirring sermon at a revival service, and a number of the listeners were moved to tears.

When leaving the church a woman remarked to her neighbour: "I noticed that you were not crying. Was it not a great sermon?"

"Why should I be crying? I don't belong to this parish."

Hindu Sabha To Defy Bihar Ban?

MADRAS, Dec. 8.

On the invitation of Dr. F Varadarajulu Naidu, General Secretary, All-India Hindu Mahasabha, a representative meeting of the Provincial Hindu Mahasabha, Andhra, Tamilnad and Madras was held at the residence of Dr. Naidu to consider the situation created by the ban placed by the Government of Bihar on holding the Hindu Mahasabha Session this year.

After two hours discussion it was decided that the ban should be resisted and all powers of the Working Committee should be vested in the President, Mr. Savarkar, to deal with the situation.—A. P.

Enemy Bombers Scare In U. S. And Canada

CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT SQUADRONS AND LURKING AIRCRAFT CARRIER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.

General William Ryans' statement that "a large number of unidentified planes approached Golden Gate, but were driven off" came at the end of three strange hours, in which the city of 630,000 population alternated violently between conflicting emotions—believing at one minute that the were about to be attacked from the air and at another minute that the black out was merely a practice.

Huge anti-aircraft searchlights went into action while the city with entire coast areas was blacked out. All local radio stations interrupted their programmes abruptly at 6-15 p.m. without explanation.

PRESENCE OF ENEMY PLANES CONFIRMED

General John Dewitt, Ranking Officer of the Western Defence Command, confirmed reports that planes were over this area, but said that he thought they were reconnaissance machines from a carrier which "is likely to have moved after launching them and will meet them again at another spot."

Reports of unidentified planes in the vicinity were put variously at fifty and fifteen.

UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL

There was an unidentified vessel approaching from the West, according to the Columbia Broadcasting System whose stations in the vicinity were blacked out. Information about the approach of fifteen planes "came to us from General Ryan of the Interceptor Division Office", said a spokesman at the Police Chief's Office.

All calls to the Interceptor Division met with the reply "sorry I cannot give you any information."

ENEMY AIRCRAFT CARRIER?

Two squadrons of planes stated these army sources, flew inland to the southern tip of San Francisco Bay. One of them disappeared to the south, and the other heading north flew over Mare Island, and they flew out to the sea in a south-westerly direction.

It is believed that no attempt was made to drop bombs. The presence of planes, according to army officials, indicated that an enemy aircraft carrier was lurking off the coast, possibly five hundred miles out.

TWO SQUADRONS OF ENEMY PLANES

Army sources have confirmed that two squadrons of enemy planes about fifteen each, crossed the California coastline west of Sanjose during the night.

VANCOUVERS: The Premier has ordered complete black-out of all lights on the whole coast of British Columbia and the lower mainland from dusk to dawn until further notice. He says "the situation is such that an attack by Japanese forces on the Pacific Coast is imminent". The police have stopped all motor traffic in the streets of Victoria.

WINNIPEG: Mr. John Kannawin, the prairie Regional Director of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, said that the reason for the order closing radio stations was that it was reported on very good authority that as a flight of Japanese planes was coming in on the Pacific coast we did not want them to ride in our beam.

The Mayor Mr. McMavin said "The Japanese are off Aleutian islands. We expect them here at any time. The situation is serious."

Declaring that there was every reason to believe that there would be an attack, Air Commodore A. E. Godfrey said that the air force was standing by.

BLACK-OUT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA (British Columbia): The black-out ordered in British Columbia is "a real thing" said Gen. R. C. Alexander, Chief of the Pacific Command. It was considered necessary, he said, on information of enemy activity in the Pacific.

The Mayor of Victoria Mr. McMavin would not give the source of information regarding Japanese being in the vicinity of the Aleutian islands.

ENEMY PLANES STORY DENIED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.

A navy spokesman disavowed the report that fifteen planes were approaching the city of San Francisco.—Reuter.

Another Air Raid Alarm

SAN FRANCISCO: Another air raid alarm was sounded at 02.30 (Pacific time). The army notified the police that unidentified aircraft had been sighted off the coast and all radio stations again went off the air.

BR. REINFORCEMENTS RUSHED

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concerning the result of this renewed attack.

Attempted Landing In North Borneo

SINGAPORE, Dec. 9.

Reports that the Japanese have attempted a landing in North Borneo and that British troops have entered Thailand from Burma cannot be confirmed here.

Mobilisation In Java

LONDON: Mobilisation will take place in Java on Thursday and the navy has chartered a great number of merchant ships, according to a report broadcast today by the Batavia radio.

U. S. Drive For More Warships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

Chairman Vinson of the House Naval Committee after a conference at the Navy Department said that all naval buildings would be ordered on a twenty-four hour basis.

Obviously, concerned by what he had learned from the Navy Department, Mr. Vinson announced that an intensive drive would be made to build warships faster than ever before.

ARRESTS IN LAHORE

LAHORE, Dec. 9.

A number of local business houses dealing with Japanese firms were searched by the police to-day and three persons were arrested under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

Dealer With Japanese Firms Arrested

AMRITSAR, Dec. 9.

The police carried out searches of six business houses having dealings with Japanese firms and effected one arrest under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

Japanese Student's Arrest At Santiniketan

SANTINIKETAN, Dec. 9.

Maki, a Japanese student of Kalabhavana, was arrested here this morning on receipt of the news of the commencement of hostilities between Japan and Great Britain and America.—A. P.

JAPANESE MONK AT SEWAGRAM ARRESTED

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 9.

Mr. Kesho Tenzaki, a Japanese monk, staying at Sewagram Ashram for the last four years, was taken into custody last night after prayers consequent on Japan declaring war against England and America.

Mr. Tenzaki was immediately taken to a detention camp.—United Press.

CHINA DECLARES WAR ON JAPAN

CHUNGKING, Dec. 9.

Details of military collaboration have already been discussed between China and other powers, declared Minister Quotaichi to a press conference here.

China, he said, was acting on the principle, "one for all, and all for one—Germany and Italy are not only the enemies of Britain and Soviet Russia, but also of China, while Japan is not only the enemy of China but also of the United States and Britain".

China's declaration of war on Japan followed an extraordinary meeting of the Chungking Cabinet presided by General Chiang-kai-Shek. Later, Marshal Chiang-kai-Shek summoned the British American and Soviet Ambassadors.—Reuter.

South Africa At War With Japan

PRETORIA, Dec. 9.

It is learned that a state of war between South Africa and Japan was declared following a meeting of the Union Cabinet on Monday.

The Union has fallen into line with the remainder of the Commonwealth by declaring war on Finland, Rumania and Hungary.—Reuter.

Free Burma From Japanese Menace

RANGOON, Dec. 9.

With British troops already fighting Japanese troops in North Malaya and Japanese forces entering Thailand, the British General Officer Commanding, Burma, Lieut. General D. K. McLeod yesterday stated in a special order of the day "in the air, on sea and on land Burma is ready to repel any foe. With our strength doubled and supported by the Royal Navy and powerful squadrons of the R. A. F., we shall throw back the invaders and Free Burma for ever from the threat which dawned to-day".

On Moscow Front

Russians Maintain Initiative

Soviet Gains Round Sea Of Azov: Spanish Division's Heavy Losses

MOSCOW, Dec. 9.

A Soviet Communique reports night-long fighting on all fronts.

The Soviet defenders on the Moscow front continue to maintain their initiative thwarting the German offensive.

The latest reports from the front, states the "Pravda", show that Soviet troops successfully developed their counter-attacks in the most important sector of the Tula area.

NAZIS FORCED BACK

The remnants of the German twelfth and thirty-third mechanised infantry divisions and fourth tank divisions of Gen. Guderian's corps have been pressed back towards the south-east, the Germans suffering big losses. In one village "R" alone Germans left over 500 dead and the Soviet troops captured 16 tanks, 61 lorries and other arms.

At another of the distant approaches to Moscow, German units were completely routed in the area "M" and pressed back at other points. The Germans here lost about 800 killed and 16 guns and 60 lorries were captured.

Soviet night raids on enemy are playing an important part in the Soviet defence. Prisoners state that night attacks deprive the Germans of any rest and exhaust their forces.

Soviet Gains In South

Soviet troops are continuing to force back the Germans along the shore of the Sea of Azov.

A correspondent of the "Izvestia" reports violent engagements at the approaches to Taganrog where the Germans have dug trenches some of which are reinforced with concrete and constructed with anti-tank ditches.

On the river Miuss the Germans are making desperate attempts to hold up the pursuing Russians for sufficient time to get their transport across the river Miuss. The ice is not yet thick enough and the Germans have to cross by bridges. Advance Soviet troops are liberating village after village.

NAZI VANDALISM

The retreating Germans kill all cattle with machine-guns, destroy wells and burn down houses and haystacks.

SPANISH DIVISION'S HEAVY LOSSES

The Spanish division fighting north-east of Novgorod on the Russian front has lost about 4,500 men in the first month of their active service, states the "Izvestia" war correspondent.

On December 8 the Spanish garrison in the Pand was captured.

Two regiments of the Blue Division—262nd and 269th—have suffered considerable losses in recent engagements. Spanish prisoners of war complain of cold and hunger. They are poorly clad and lousy. They say: "We were deceived. We were promised a walk through territory occupied by the Germans but instead have been forced to face Russian fire".

BERLIN: A German Communique states that there was only local fighting on the eastern front.—Reuter.

CASUALTIES AT HAWAII

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

The War Department has published the first official casualty list containing the names of 37 officers and men killed in action in Hawaii.—Reuter.

Kelantan Sultan Hands Over To British

SINGAPORE, Dec. 9.

The Sultan of Kelantan, a Malaya State which contains the Kota Bahru aerodrome which is the centre of fierce fighting between Japan and Britain, has handed over his administration to his British adviser who has assumed full responsibility. The Sultan announces that he does not intend to leave the State but has acted thus "to ensure rapidity of action."

Ocean Islands Bombed

WELLINGTON, Dec. 9.

The Government is informed that the Nauru and Ocean Islands which were combed on Monday were again bombed on Tuesday.

LONDON: The Government of the South American Republic of Columbia has broken off relations with Japan it is learned.

CORPORATION EMPLOYEES MUST NOT QUIT CITY

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

As a state of emergency has arisen by Japan entering the war, the Chief Executive Officer of the Calcutta Corporation has asked the employees of the Corporation not to be away from Calcutta without permission.—United Press.

Labour M.P.s Stand By Govt.

Party Decision On National Service Bill

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The Parliamentary Labour Party at a special meeting to consider their attitude on the forthcoming debate on the National Service Bill decided by a large majority to support it.

The Bill gives the Government powers to conscript men and women for National Service.

When the Bill was introduced forty members of Parliament, mostly Labourites, voted for an amendment, demanding that the powers should be extended to cover also "the conscription of property".—Reuter.

British Mobile Columns Busy

Point West Of El-Duda Captured Despite Heavy Opposition

CAIRO, Dec. 9.

A British war communique says that Imperial mobile columns ranged far towards enemy lines of communication.

ROME ON LIBYAN WAR

ROME: To-day's Italian High Command Communique reports fighting on the Tobruk front between "Axis forces and enemy infantry supported by tanks".

On the Solum front it states there has been "intense British artillery fire against our strongholds".

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

Followng is the text of the Communique issued by the British G. H. Q. Middle East on Tuesday:

"Yesterday our mobile columns of all arms were particularly active harassing and inflicting casualties on enemy bodies, wherever found. Their range of action continues to extend well westwards of Bir-el-Gobi and even further towards the enemy's lines of communication westwards from Tobruk. This activity was reflected in the reluctance of the enemy to engage our forces yesterday.

In the main area between Tobruk and Bir-el-Gobi there was some westerly movement of the enemy but neither the scale for the degree of this movement seemed more than local and it was possibly an endeavour by the enemy to gain some temporary respite from the incessant attacks of our mobile columns.

NEW POINT GAINED

At Tobruk itself operations against enemy centres of resistance referred to yesterday resulted in the capture and consolidation of a point a few miles west of El-Duda, despite considerable opposition. An attempted advance in this area by about 2,000 enemy infantry and a few tanks was countered by our artillery.

In the frontier area there is no change of importance to report. Our pressure on the isolated enemy there is being maintained.

Yesterday we announced the destruction of seven enemy tanks and the damaging of three others in action westwards of Bir-el-Gobi. Reports show that the actual results of this action were that 27 enemy tanks received direct hits. Of these five were completely destroyed and eight will probably not come into action again.

Our air forces again attacked enemy ground forces over a wide area".

SPOKESMAN AT CAIRO

LONDON: The War Minister, Capt. Margesson, stated in the House of Commons to-day that he was in communication with the British Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East on the subject of a British military spokesman in Cairo.

The Minister had been asked whether he would take steps to prevent a repetition of the "optimistic statements made by a military spokesman in Cairo in the first days of the Libyan campaign" which "did harm both at home and abroad".

The Minister, further pressed, declined to give the name of the military spokesman pointing out "it may not always be the same person who gives a statement".

NEW ZEALANDERS WOUNDED AT REZEGH

LONDON, Dec. 9.

It is learned in authoritative quarters that 700 New Zealanders wounded were recovered when British forces joined hands at Sidi Rezegh at the end of last week.—Reuter.

SARAWAK SUCCESSION

LONDON, Dec. 9.

The following official statement has been issued in London: "The Special Commissioner for Sarawak in England is authorised by the Chief Secretary and Supreme Council of Sarawak in the absence of H. H. the Rajah to state that there is no truth whatever in certain rumours which recently received publicity concerning a change in the succession to the Rajah".—Reuter.

TOKYO WAR APPOINTMENTS

TOKYO, Dec. 9.

Prince Higashikuni has been appointed Chief of General headquarters for National Defence and Lieut. General Kobayashi chief of staff, states the Japanese radio.—Reuter.

ASSAM CABINET TO RESIGN

Premier Makes Statement In Assembly: New Party Formed

SHILLONG, Dec. 9.

When the Assam Assembly met at 11 a.m. to-day, the Hon. Sir Muhammad Saadullah, Premier, announced that he had decided to resign, adding that he proposed to tender his resignation on December 12 when H. E. the Governor would return from tour.

Sir Muhammad Saadullah also disclosed that earlier at 9-30 one of his colleagues in the Cabinet, namely, the Hon. Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhary (Education Minister), intimated in writing that he had decided to resign, and sent in his letter of resignation along with the same.

Earlier, five no-confidence motions against the Cabinet were tabled by five members of the Independent Group (Opposition), of whom three, namely, Mr. Nabakumar Dutta (Assam Valley Indian Planting), and Mr. Bepin Behari Das and Mr. Lalit Mohan Kar, (Independents) sought leave of the House to move their motions, which was granted, thirty-six members, including Congressities, rising in their seats.

Having regard to the statement made by the Premier, the Speaker adjourned the House till December 13 at 3 p.m., on which date the no-confidence motions will be taken up.

Education Minister Resigns

Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhary, Minister for Education, has, this morning, submitted his resignation from the Cabinet to the Premier, Sir Md. Saadullah.

It is learnt that the resignation has not yet been accepted.

Mr. Choudhury interviewed by the Associated Press, declined to make any statement at this stage as to why he was resigning, but disclosed the fact that a new party of 8 M.L.A.'s had already been formed with himself as the leader.

In view of the resignation of Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhury, Education Minister, the Cabinet will resign on December 12, when the Governor is expected to return to Shillong. This statement was made by the Premier Sir Md. Saadullah in the Assembly this morning.

His Excellency the Governor, who is now touring the Sadiya frontier tract, has cancelled the remaining part of his programme, which was to have continued till December 31. His Excellency is expected to arrive here on December 12. As soon as the Governor arrives, the Premier Sir Muhammad Saadullah, according to a statement made in the Assembly to-day, will formally submit the resignation of his Cabinet.

Mr. G. N. Bardoloi, former Premier, is now in telephonic communication with the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, on the latest developments in Assam Parliamentary politics.

MINISTERIAL PARTY CONFERS

Immediately after the House adjourned this morning, the Ministerialist Party met in the Committee room of the Assembly House and discussed the situation created by the decision of Sir Muhammad Saadullah to tender the resignation of his Cabinet.

Sir Muhammad is expected to make a statement shortly.

Emergency Cabinet For Bengal?

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

While H.E. the Governor has not yet called upon any of the Party leaders to form a new Ministry in the Province, it is strongly rumoured in informed Parliamentary circles that the proposal for the formation of an Emergency Cabinet consisting of the leaders of various groups in the Assembly is now being seriously considered.

It is further stated that Sir Nazimuddin, the leader of the newly formed Muslim League Party, is seeking the advice of the League President, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, before giving his opinion on such a proposal.—A.P.

Huq And Nazimuddin See Governor

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

In the meantime Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, leader of the Progressive Coalition Party and Sir Nazimuddin called on His Excellency at Government House again to-day and had each of them an hour's discussion with him.

The decision of the Governor in the matter of formation of a new Ministry is, however, expected by December 12, when the Assembly meets again.—A.P.

R. A. F.'S SWEEP OVER N. FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 9.

An Air Ministry communique to-night states:—"Our fighters including bomb carrying hurricanes made a sweep over Northern France to-day. A factory was effectively bombed and several enemy fighters on ground damaged by gun fire. Five enemy fighters were destroyed in air combats. Ten of our fighters are missing."—Reuter.

India And Burma Orders Committee

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Lord Hardinge of Penhurst, Lord Meston and Lord Hailey were added to the India and Burma Orders Committee.—Reuter.

Deoli Security Prisoners To Be Repatriated

India Government Takes Action On Joshi's Report

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

Press Communique:—

Now that the hunger-strike at Deoli has been unconditionally abandoned the position reverts to what it was before the strike started, when the security prisoners were informed that the Government of India were prepared, in consultation with provincial governments, to give full and early consideration to the recommendations made by Mr. N. M. Joshi on their behalf.

The first of these recommendations, and the one to which the security prisoners themselves appeared to attach the greatest importance, was that they should be returned to jails in their own provinces.

They complained that in a remote place like Deoli they were unable to have the full number of interviews which are allowed by the rules and which, in fact the fellows in provincial jails already enjoy. Recognising that there was some substance in this complaint and feeling that it would be unfair to the majority of the Security prisoners at Deoli, after they had called off the strike, if the matter were to be further delayed owing to the action of the minority, who had refused to do so, the Government of India proceeded to consult Provincial Governments on this point.

As a result, the Provinces concerned have expressed their readiness to take back their own Security prisoners and the Government of India have, therefore decided to accept this recommendation.

It may take some time for the necessary arrangements to be made, but the transfers will take place as soon as administrative requirements permit.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

There remains a large number of subsidiary recommendations made by Mr. N. M. Joshi regarding the conditions of detention in general and the conditions at Deoli in particular. The latter, in view of the main decision, require no further examination.

As to the general conditions of detention, in such matters, for example, as diet, classification and family allowances, the Government of India recognise the desirability of such uniformity as can be obtained by agreement between the different Provincial Governments.

In accordance, therefore, with the undertaking already given to Mr. Joshi, although there will be few Security prisoners for whose treatment the Government of India themselves will remain directly responsible, they will forward their views on these matters to Provincial Governments and endeavour to secure general agreement with regard to them this process also will take time.

In conclusion, the Government of India must point out that the hunger-strike at Deoli has served no purpose. It has not in any way affected their judgment of the issues involved nor are such tactics ever likely to do so.

On the staff at Deoli the strike imposed a heavy burden of extra work and responsibility. Their handling of the situation was firm, correct and considerate; and it is a tribute to the Superintendent and his assistants that the unpleasant duties they were called upon to perform did not impair the good relations that had always subsisted between them and the Security prisoners.—A. P.

NAZI BOMBER DESTROYED

LONDON, Dec. 9.

It is learned that one enemy bomber was destroyed off the north-east coast of England by British fighters on Tuesday morning.—Reuter.

No Hooter Or Siren Will Be Sounded

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

A Gazette Extraordinary issued to-day announces that no hooter or siren shall be sounded except for the purpose of giving an "air raid warning" and a "raiders passed" signal. The order will not, however, apply to a hooter required to be sounded for *bona fide* purposes of navigation.

The same Gazette Extraordinary also publishes orders bringing into force certain provisions empowering the police authorities in Calcutta and the district authorities to requisition any place or premises in their respective areas for use during the period of a state of emergency for A. R. P. services. The orders also provide for restriction of lights in public places, private dwellings, roads, streets and vessels on inland waters.—A. P.

I.M.S.M
THE INDIAN MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL dates from 1888, and it ultimately supplants the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. One side of the Medal, which is suspended from a scroll by a red ribbon, bears a bust of the reigning Sovereign, while on the other a wreath of lotus leaves encloses a wreath of palms. Between the wreaths is written "For Meritorious Service."
I.O.M
THE INDIAN ORDER OF MERIT was instituted in 1837 as an award for bravery. It carries with it an increase of 1/5 of the pay of the recipient which, in the event of his death, is continued to his widow for three years. The decoration, which is divided into three classes, takes the form of an eight-pointed star, in gold, silver and gold, or silver, according to the class, and is suspended from a dark blue ribbon with red edges.
I.D.S.M
THE INDIAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL was introduced in 1907, and may be conferred not only by the King-Emperor, but by the Viceroy. Suspended by a broad red ribbon with blue edges, the medal bears a portrait bust of the reigning Sovereign, backed by a laurel wreath encircling the words "For Distinguished Service."
DUNLOP Fort
The Medallion on a DUNLOP FORT Tyre Indicates Distinguished Tyre Service

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Howard Marshall describes London, the Dountless City and says: "... as you go about the streets of London you're aware of war—you see battered houses. You see A.R.P. workers at their posts; you know that this is a city on guard, a city ready to parry blows at its heart; a fighting, indomitable city. From the towers of Westminster, though, you see something else, the dignity and beauty of this city of grey stone and green spaces; of church spires and winding river; you see a city too great, too deep-rooted ever to be subdued—a city conscious of its great past, but looking towards a greater future .... I was inclined to agree with a Canadian soldier who said to me: "After all, there's only one city to be in just now, and that's London, isn't it?"

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Sometimes some of my more personal friends make fun of me by saying that the best things in the Half Column are the quotations. I don't deny it. But isn't it also something to have found a quotation worth while?

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Last night I switched on my radio to listen to the news from Bombay. The announcer was reading the Indian news which precedes the news from London. After a couple of minutes in the middle of an extract from the Speaker of the Bengal Assembly, at the words "moral support" the announcer stops, fumbles, apologises and later we are told that the second page has not yet arrived!! What efficiency in our great department the A. I. R. and is it not ironic that A. I. R. should fumble in INDIAN news on the words: "moral support" May be it was intentional, in which case, congratulations, A. I. R.

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I forgot to tell you something about the new F. A. B. release "Indian Heroes being Honoured." The commentary was by Mr. Ezra Mir. If the footage of that picture was analysed, it would be found that the Viceroy appears at least twice as much as Bhagat and Richpal Ram's family put together. Then we have "God Save The King" played and the Viceroy's top hat sticks till he pushes it off his head. And then says the commentator: "In the hushed silence that followed history is made.' Not at Keren, where Richpal Ram fought and died, not in Eritrea where Bhagat deloused those Italian mines, but on the green-plush lawn of Viceroy's palace where a top-hatted, frock-wated English Viceroy pinned a medal on our heroes.

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Good work, F. A. B.—after all propaganda is your speciality. After which the distributors in increasing order of importance had arranged to show a Terry Toon cartoon!

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FORWARD BLOC TO STAND BY CONGRESS

NAGPUR, Dec. 9.

Dr. Patwardhan, Mr. R. S. Ruiker and other Forward Bloc leaders in a statement on the situation arising out of the release of political prisoners say that the Government's policy of release should not in any way affect the present policy of the Congress.

They say: "The real problem which India is her political freedom and unless that is solved, no change in the present policy of the Congress will be justified."

They suggest that conferences of Congressmen, Forward Bloc members and other Leftists in the country should be organised all over the country with a view to strengthening the Congress.—United Press.

City Satyagrahis Assert Freedom Of Speech

Police Don't Interfere With Shouters Of Anti-War Slogans: B.P.C.C. Plans Campaign For Explaining Congress Policy

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Two Satyagrahis from Bombay Mr. Shivji Manji Nakar and Mr. Harikrishna B. Negandhi—offered Satyagraha in "B" and "D" Wards respectively this evening, in the presence of a large crowd of citizens. No action was taken by the police.

AT MANDVI

Holding a tri-colour, Mr. Nakar first came to the Musjid Bridge at 6 p.m. and raised anti-war slogans in the presence of a crowd which had gathered near the Mandvi District Congress Committe office. He then marched through Masjid Bunder road, Dariasthan Vadgadi, Ghee Bazar, Bhat Bazar and came back to the spot where he had first raised slogans. On his way, Mr. Nakar shouted slogans in front of the Grain Merchants' Association, Seed Traders Association and other centres. He was garlanded frequently by members of the public.

Half an hour later, Mr. Negandhi offered satyagraha near the Tilak Statue at Chowpatty A large crowd which was present at the place of Satyagraha followed Mr. Negandhi when he marched to the Congress House via the Sandhurst Road, Lamington Road and Vithalbhai Patel Road. The crowd was peaceful.

RE-OFFERS SATYAGRAHA

Mr. S. R. Joshi one of the city Congressmen who had been included in an earlier batch of Satyagrahis also re-offered Satyagraha this evening at Jhaveri Bazar. He marched through Kalbadevi and Dana Bunder and later joined Mr. Nakar who was offering Satyagraha near the Mandvi District Congress Committee. No action was taken by the police.

B. P. C.C. PLANS

Four city Congressmen have offered Satyagraha since the jail delivery. When the number of such Satyagrahis is ten, the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, it is understood, will arrange for Satyagraha being offered in every ward of the city simultaneously.

According to the present plans, there will be a fresh batch of Satyagrahis every Tuesday and Saturday.

The majority of persons who have sent intimation to the B.P.C.C. of their preparedness to offer Satyagraha are Congressmen who have been released from jail recently. In view of Mahatma Gandhi's instructions that Congressmen who have been recently released need not be in a hurry to re-offer satyagraha, the Bombay batch of 50 Congressmen who were proposing to offer Satyagraha during the next three weeks has decided to postpone offering Satyagraha. They will address meetings instead, on the policy of the Congress. The B.P.C.C. has decided to arrange for ward meetings every day from Thursday onwards.

Pen Congressman Released

(From A Correspondent)

ALIBAG, Dec. 7.

Mr. Nanasaheb Dharkar, the ex-President of the District Local Board, ex-President of the Pen Municipality, Chairman of the District School Board, and prominent land-lord of Pen, was released from Yeravda Prison on December 1. He was received at the jail gate by Mr. Gosavi, President of the M.P.C.C. and others. A rousing public reception was also accorded to him at Pen.

Released State Prisoner Arrested

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghose, ex-State prisoner and President of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, who was released this morning from the Alipore Central Jail on expiry of the full term of imprisonment was again arrested at the Jail gate under Section 129 of the Defence of India Rules.

Mr. Nikunja Behari Maity, M. L. A., was also released this morning from the Alipore Central Jail on the expiry of the full term of imprisonment. He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for offering 'Satyagraha'.

A large number of Congress workers and Congress M. L. A.'s received Mr. Ghose at the Jail gate.—United Press.

Detenu To See Ailing Mother Under Escort

CALICUT, Dec. 8

Orders have been received from Government stating that H. E. the Governor is pleased to permit Mr. Mohammad Abdur Rahiman, M. L. A., President, Kerala Provincial Congress Committee, now a detenu in Vellore Central Jail to go to Cranganore in Cochin State under police escort to see his mother, who is reported to be seriously ill. This temporary release will be valid for seven days only from the date he is allowed to leave Central Jail, Vellore.—A. P.

"Partial Jail Delivery Savours Of False Security"

MADRAS, Dec. 9.

"The release of only a certain section of the political prisoners has not aroused any feeling of enthusiasm in me," says Mrs. K. Radhabai Subbaroyan, M.L.A. (Central) in a statement to the press.

She adds: As long as many of our fellow patriots continue to be imprisoned and so many of them in the appalling conditions that are the fate of a 'C' class prisoner, we cannot relax in our struggle for freedom, but must continue it with still greater vigour. There can be no dealings with the Government by any one section of the Congress—It is only by united action that we can ultimately achieve our freedom, and we must not allow ourselves to be lulled into a sense of false security by such measures as the release of only a certain number of prisoners."—A.P.

SPEAKER LEAVES IT TO COURTS

Govt.'s Bill To Control Electric Concerns

LAHORE, Dec. 9.

In the Punjab Assembly this afternoon the Speaker, Sir Shahabuddin, gave his ruling on Sir Gokulchand Narang's point of order that the Punjab Electricity Emergency Powers Bill which enables Government to take possession of electric supply undertaking in an emergency is "ultra vires" of the Provincial Legislature

After referring to an informal discussion which he held with lawyer members of the House the Speaker said that the question was a complicated one and much could be said on both sides. In a doubtful case, he added, his practice had been not to restrict or curtail the jurisdiction of the House. As the present case was not free from doubt he allowed the bill to be proceeded with, leaving it to the courts to decide whether the bill was "ultra vires" or "intra vires". If it were passed and enforced.

The Punjab Legislative Assembly after four hour discussion passed the Punjab Electricity (Emergency Powers) Bill, which empowers the Government to assume the possession of the electric undertaking in cases of emergency

FOR DETENU'S FAMILY.

At question time Mir Maqbool Mahmood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, informed the House that the Government of India had sanctioned a monthly allowance of Rs. 120 for the family of Syed Habib, editor of a local daily, who was detained in the Muzaffargarh Jail under the Defence of India Rules.

Non-Party Leaders To Confer

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

It is learned that the next meeting of the Non-Party Conference will be held in New Delhi on February 21 and 22. The Rt. Hon. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru will preside.—A. P.

Working For Peace Amidst World Conflagration

Mahatma's Tributes To 'Badshah' Khan's Camps For Training Khidmatgars In Non-Violence

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 9.

Mahatma Gandhi has issued the following statement:—

"In the midst of inhuman conflagration which envelopes the world Powers who believe in the strength of their arms little knowing what in reality they are fighting for, it is healthy and uplifting to contemplate what a man like "Badshah" Khan, the first among the Khidmatgars, is doing for the cause of peace and for qualifying himself for taking effective part by non-violent means in the freedom movement.

"He has undying faith in non-violence, though he has not worked out all its implications. For the last few months he has been holding little camps for the non-violent training of Khudai Khidmatgars. But during the third week of November he held a biggish one to which he had invited neighbouring workers from the Punjab, Kashmir and Baluchistan. Charkha was the important activity. Over 300 wheels plied daily. Dhanushtakli was also introduced in the camp. Its cheapness and the ease with which it could be manufactured in every village appealed to everyone. Sanitation work was done in the surrounding villages and there were speeches explaining non-violence and the necessity of non-participation in war.

CALL TO TRIBESMEN

A resolution was passed appealing to the tribesmen to be peaceful and non-violent. Copies of it were printed for distribution among those tribesmen, who come into British territory.

LOVING SERVICE

Village cleaning was done in a perfectly orderly manner. The workers were divided into several parties carrying their own brooms. The villagers supplemented these from their own stock and joined the Khidmatgars in this loving service. They did not leave out even police stations. Men in charge of these gratefully accepted the service.

The Camp worked like this for seven days from the 16th upto the 22nd November. There were about 20 Hindus and 2 women in the party. Mr. Badsha Khan had written me that if I thought it necessary I could send some one to the Camp, meaning instructors. Therefore I sent two who were best able to give satisfaction. Mr. Badsha Khan, though ill, himself took part in every activity. The Camp was of the simplest character. There were no servants. One medical man had volunteered his services, which were most useful as many men were suffering from malaria. The Government had also sent a doctor with some medicines.

SIMPLICITY AND ECONOMY

The following was the daily menu:

7-45 a.m. tea and bread, 12 noon bread made from wheat and maize with 'dal' or vegetables, 7 p.m. ditto.

The Camp consisted of about 500 representatives and guests from all over the N.W.F. Province. They were accommodated in little tents without side flaps. The total cost of running the Camp was about Rs. 1,500.

Congressmen and others could profitably copy the simplicity, economy and orderliness of this Camp."—United Press.

WAR IN PACIFIC
Does Not Affect Congress Policy

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

"The entry of Japan in the war has not affected the Congress position at all", said Dr. Profulla Chandra Ghosh, Member of the Congress Working Committee, to the "United Press", being approached on his return from Wardha this morning.

To the question if the Working Committee would reconsider the Poona offer, Dr. Ghosh said that if Government made a proposal on the basis of the Poona offer of the Congress, then the question would arise what should be done and the Working Committee would consider the matter.

He added he was against the acceptance of any such proposal, on grounds of non-violence and political considerations.

Dr. Ghosh added: "In Bengal specially, when even the President of the Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, is not released even after the expiry of his term of imprisonment, no Bengalee will or can appreciate this jail delivery. The Government are determined to pursue their own course. So there is absolutely no meeting ground."—United Press.

League Secretary's "No" To Fazlul Huq's Appeal

"Resign Leadership Of New Coalition Party First; Inquiry Re: Alleged Differences Will Be Held Afterwards"

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9.

Mr. Fazlul Huq in a telegram to Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, All-India Muslim League, says: "Present cabinet crisis in Bengal is solely due to personal differences between me and a few members of Provincial League. My loyalty to League is as unshaken as ever. I assure you that our personal differences have nothing to do with League. I appeal to you to take steps so that an impartial enquiry may be made into the happenings in Bengal and I also earnestly request you that I may get a fair and impartial hearing before I am branded as being disloyal to League. It would be a great pity if League members could utilise their position to cloud issues and invoke the name of the League in order to serve their private ends. Kindly explain the situation to the president."

LIAQAT ALI'S REPLY.

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan in reply says: "Your telegram of yesterday was placed before the President. You have already violated the rules and resolutions of the All-India Muslim League, among other things by forming coalition with miscellaneous groups whose policy and programme are antagonistic to the Muslim League and have accepted the leadership of this combination.

After the "fait accompli," you now assert loyalty to the Provincial League, of which neither the President nor the Working Committee were apprised by you before and you suggest an enquiry regarding the differences between you and a few members of the Provincial League.

RESIGN LEADERSHIP.

Your request for an enquiry cannot be considered unless you comply with the condition precedent, namely, resign forthwith the Leadership of the newly formed coalition and disassociate yourself completely from it and communicate your resignation to the President before December 10.

The president and the Working Committee would be willing to hold an enquiry regarding the alleged differences on receipt of your resignation from the newly formed Coalition party and give you and others concerned the fullest opportunity to place case and a hearing respectively. If your resignation as indicated above is not communicated before December 10, the President must proceed to take action."—A P.

Frontier Support To Huq's New Party

PESHAWAR, Dec. 9.

Whole-hearted support should be given to the newly formed Progressive Coalition Party in the Bengal Legislative Assembly under the leadership of Mr. Fazlul Huq, said prominent Frontier leaders including Dr. Khan Sahib, Khan Aligul Khan, President of the Provincial Congress Committee, Abdul Qayum, M.L.A. (Central), Hakim Abdul Jalil, President of the Peshawar Congress Committee, Syed Qayum Shah, Dr. C. C. Ghosh, M.L.A. (N.-W. F. P.), Mr. Madanlal Mehta and Sardar Milap Singh.—United Press.

IRAN'S FOREIGN POLICY

PESHAWAR, Dec. 9.

Premier Faroughi introduced a twelve-clause programme of his Government in Iran Parliament on Suday.

It is understood that Thursday has been fixed for discussion and ratification of the programme.

The clause dealing with foreign policy states maintenance of friendly relations with all Powers, with whom interests of Iran are closely bound. Amendment to judicial laws revision, improvement of food supply conditions, revision of taxes, development of agriculture and abolition of monopoly, etc. are some of the other clauses.—A. P.

Bengal Assembly Adjourns Till Friday

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

The Bengal Legislative Assembly met for the second day with the Treasury Benches empty, at 4 p.m. to-day.

The House adjourned till Friday afternoon, after references were made to the death of the Deputy Speaker by Mr. Fazlul Huq, Leader of the Progressive Coalition Party, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy on behalf of the Muslim League Party, Mr. Kiron Shanker Roy, leader of the Congress Parliamentary Party, and Mr. Hendry, leader of the European Group, and others.—United Press.

National Cabinet For Bengal?

Governor's Suggestion To Party Leaders: Nazimuddin To Consult Jinnah

CALCUTTA, Dec. 9.

It is learnt from informed circles that the Governor suggested at the morning interview with Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq and Sir Nazimuddin the formation of a National Cabinet consisting of all Party leaders in view of the developments in the Far Eastern situation.

It is understood that Sir Nazimuddin wanted to consult Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League in this matter. Mr. Huq, after coming out of the Government House met Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee and Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose.—United Press.

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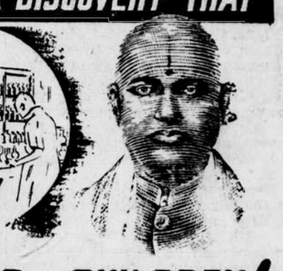
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OH, I DIDN'T LOSE ANYTHING, SIR!
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Queen Wilhelmina Denounces Japanese Aggression

General Mobilisation Order In Dutch East Indies

DOZEN GOVTS. JOIN ALLIES

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panese attack than has yet been possible.

President Roosevelt began dictating the speech which will last half an hour on Monday night in his study.

President Roosevelt has signed the resolution of war on Japan.

Text Of War Resolution

An earlier cable says.

The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Connally drafted for introduction in the Senate at noon on Monday a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the Imperial Japanese Government and the people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same.

"Whereas the Imperial Japanese Government has committed unprovoked acts of war against the people of the United States of America. Therefore be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that a state of war between the United States and the Imperial Japanese Government which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared and the President hereby authorised and directed to employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States and the resources of the Government to carry on the war against the Japanese Government and bring the conflict to a successful termination; all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged by the Congress of the United States."

The Peruvian Government has notified the United States Ambassador of its solidarity with the United States in accordance with the resolutions of the Havana and Lima Conferences, wherein it was agreed an attack on any American nation by a nation of other hemisphere would involve the entire continent.

Manchukuo has declared war on the United States and Great Britain, according to a Hsinking dispatch quoted by the German Radio.

The Prime Minister, Changohinhui, making the announcement added: "We are taking a joint stand with Japan in this holy war."

"From this moment we are engaged in a victory programme", says an announcement from the Supply Priorities and Allocations Board of which Vice-President Wallace is the Chairman.

It adds, "We can talk and act no longer in terms of a defence programme. Victory is our one and only objective and everything else is subordinate to it."

American solidarity is further evidenced by the fact that the mine-workers' President Mr. John Lewis has supported Government saying: "To the day of its ultimate triumph over Japan and all other enemies."

"Japan has officially requested Thailand to join the New Order in Eastern Asia and has guaranteed Thailand's independence", says the Saigon Radio quoted by the National Broadcasting Company.

Another report states that a great fire was started in the vicinity of an army airport on the edge of Manila.

Dutch Queen's Proclamation

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands in a proclamation broadcast from radio at, London on Monday night by Dr. Gerbrandy, Netherland Prime Minister, declared that her kingdom was at war with Japan because "aggression which aims at destroying peace-loving nations one after another can, must and will only be resisted in firm alliance.

Netherlands did not hesitate to defend themselves with courage when they were wickedly assaulted in Europe. The Indies will not waver now that such an attack threatens them in Asia.

The Indies were close to the Netherlands in the hour of trial. Netherlands and Netherlands West Indies will be with the East Indies now that they resist aggression.

I count on the navy, the army and the air force, on all civil servants and on all civil services, whose war duty now begins.

I and all my subjects count on the courage, determination and perseverance of all in the Indies."

The proclamation was signed by all the Netherlands Ministers in London.

Queen Wilhelmina has sent a telegram to the Governor-General of Netherlands East Indies assuring him the armed forces and the people that "my thoughts are with you, you have my best wishes for the final result of the battle now awaiting us the outcome of which I do not doubt."

East Indies Calm

The situation in the Netherlands East Indies appears well under control and the country is fully prepared for attack.

General mobilisation is only proclaimed in the outer provinces so far.

Government has invited the Australian Air Force to send a number of planes to Kupang, Timor and Ceram to co-operate will the Netherlands East Indies air force in guarding the approaches to Australia.

"Fight until death if need be," states the Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies in an Order of the Day issued to the armed forces.

"Japanese fighting forces have begun the attack on American and British territory.

The Netherlands is at war with the Japanese empire.

For you the moment of trial has come. You are called upon together with American, British and Chinese forces to resist Japanese aggression.

I know that you are faithful and that with your glorious traditions you will do your duty to the last.

You are fighting for a righteous cause. You are fighting for your Queen and your country for peace, security and prosperity, for the population of this territory and for all the peoples in east and southeast Asia.

Be unflinching, true and faithful until death if need be. God be with you"

Nations Join Allies

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET HAS DECIDED TO MOBILISE FURTHER ARMY MANPOWER.

The President of Salvador with the approval of the Congress declared war on Japan at 12-33 (Central Standard Time). There is tremendous enthusiasm.

The Cabinet of Havana has decided to ask for immediate declaration of war against Japan.

The President of Mexico announces that he will ask Mexico to declare war on Japan.

Egypt has severed diplomatic relations with Japan. This is the issue of a cabinet meeting held on Monday afternoon.

Japanese residents in Egypt will be arrested or deported and their property will be seized by the Public Custodian.

President Comacho of Mexico has declared the suspension of relations with Japan.

The Japanese Minister has been handed a passport.

All Japanese funds in Mexico have been frozen.

A large number of Americans and Mexicans are besieging the American Embassy seeking to enlist.

The newspaper "Excelsior" in an editorial on Monday says that we Mexicans must modify our spectator mentality."

The Argentine Government has agreed to take charge of British and Greek interests in Japan and possessions.

Greek Decision

The Greek Government have severed diplomatic relations with Japan and instructed the Greek Minister in Tokyo to demand his passport said the Royal Greek Legation in London on Monday night.

Haiti and Honduras have declared war on Japan, according to messages received from London.

Japan Committing Suicide

"Japan is committing suicide" is the opinion of Chinese experts, Mr. Hsu Mo, Chinese Minister in Australia stated on Monday.

The Japanese fleet these experts said, looked grand but the ships were topheavy and they had never fought a major battle

Their opinion was that the United States would finish the matter off in a short time.

With a million men bogged in China, Japan was unable to mobilise more than two million men. China would resist Japan with redoubled strength and was anticipating major victories soon.

Japan has forgotten the help which in the past Britain has freely given her and now when she thinks the time is ripe, Japan stabs Britain in the back which is the trick of coward and gangster, said Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements, broadcasting to the people of Malaya on Monday.

"Japan has decided to go to war with the British Empire, the choice is hers, not ours". Sir Shenton said.

"We have as our defenders in this country soldiers of our own race. They are Malays, Indians, Chinese or from Britain and the Dominions, he said.

The Governor asked all people of the Straits Settlement to stand together to teach the Japanese the lesson they deserve.

Scotland Yard has kept up-to-date lists of Japanese in Britain their activities and is ready to take all necessary action.

The Press Attache Mr. Matsui at the Japanese Embassy declared that communications with Tokyo had been cut since Sunday morning.

The first news he had anything amiss was when reports arrived of Japanese action.

He said there were about 500 Japanese in Britain, including women and children.

No arrangements have yet been made concerning exchange for British residents in Japan

It is reported that 200 persons were wounded in the Parkfield air base, communication with which has been cut. Complete blackout was enforced throughout the Philippines last night.

R. A. F. Attacks On Ships

A late telegram received last night says:—

The Far East Command (Singapore) noon communique says "at about 1-30 a.m. on Monday morning some five merchant ships escorted by warships approached the mouth of a river northward of Kota Bahru and landings from them began to be carried out, which were supported by covering fire from the war vessels.

Fire was at once opened by our troops and later severe fighting developed on the shore particularly in the neighbourhood of the Kota Bahru aerodrome.

In this confused and difficult fighting some famous Indian units are reported to have distinguished themselves.

Later ten more merchant vessels were located, some ten miles further south.

Bombers of the Royal Air Force carried out moonlight attacks on vessels off shore and by daylight at least two large enemy ships had been hit and set on fire.

At day-break several bomber and torpedo bomber squadrons took off to continue the attack, the results of which are not yet known. So far three of our aircraft have not yet returned from these operations. By 8 o'clock in the morning all the remaining enemy ships appeared to be retiring northward leaving some landing craft and troops ashore who were being mopped up by our land forces.

It is officially announced in London that all Japanese nationals in the United Kingdom are now subject to special regulations applicable to enemy aliens.

All Japanese over the age of 16 must report to the nearest police station forthwith.

Snail's-Pace Expansion Of Indian Navy

Sir Sultan Ahmed Staggered At Capital Outlay: Hope Of Another Training Ship

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Addressing a largely attended gathering of cadets and guests on the training ship *"Dufferin"* on the occasion of the annual prize distribution ceremony this evening, the Hon. Sir Sultan Ahmed, Law Member, Government of India, visualised in the near future an expansion of the Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Mercantile Marine and consequently a prospective sea career for Indian youths.

The guests who assembled at the Ballard Pier in the evening were brought to the gaily decorated *"Dufferin"* in two double-decked tenders. A motor-boat brought Sir Sultan Ahmed from the Gateway of India to the *"Dufferin"*.

After the distribution of prizes Sir Sultan Ahmed in course of his speech paid a tribute to the two old *"Dufferin"* cadets, Pilot Officer A. H. K. Pasha and Sub-Lt. Caryl Oates who lost their lives during the present war.

ANOTHER TRAINING SHIP

Referring to the expansion from seven cadets to 136 in fourteen years, Sir Sultan observed that though this was not much, yet, considering the fact that Indians were not sea-minded, the result so far achieved was quite encouraging. He was, however, sure that the pace of enrolment would be faster in the future, and by 1943 he hoped to see the Government of India considering the desirability of providing another training ship.

Continuing, the speaker said, that politically-minded India was keenly alive to the necessity of enlarging the Indian Navy, so that in course of time, it may be capable of defending its own shores. But the expansion meant heavy outlay of capital cost, and the recurring expenditure was also expected to be very heavy. Recently the speaker was staggered to learn that the cost of a destroyer was about two crores of rupees, and a light cruiser cost nearly six crores. Such a big jump, he thought, was not possible.

However, said the speaker a beginning had been made, and the Government were fully conscious of a gradual expansion as funds permitted. With expansion, continued the speaker, the necessity of training a larger number of boys for service either in the Royal Indian Navy or Indian Mercantile Marine would increase, and he, therefore, thought that the usefulness of training on a ship like *"Dufferin"* would also be immensely greater.

Concluding Sir Sultan congratulated the prize-winners and wished a brilliant success to the fourteen executive and twenty engineering cadets who are leaving the *"Dufferin"* from to-day after finishing their courses.

After a little refreshment the same tenders brought back the guests to the Ballard Pier

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JAP EMPEROR BLAMES ENGLAND AND AMERICA

LONDON, DEC. 9.

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE BROKEN UP A JAPANESE LANDING PARTY IN NORTH BORNEO, ACCORDING TO AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT REACHING BATAVIA. NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING AGAINST THE JAPANESE FORCES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF THE HAWAII ISLANDS.

REINFORCEMENTS OF AMERICAN PLANES HAVE BEEN RUSHED.

Late last night Japanese raiders were again over Manila. A large fire was started. With the possible help of fifth columnists Japanese effected a landing on a nearby island.

Unconfirmed reports from Manila state that Japanese troops have landed in Lubang Island, 80 miles south-west of Manila.

"A complete blockade" of Hong Kong by the Japanese navy is announced on Monday noon by Vice-Admiral Mineichi Koga, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese fleet in China waters, states a Japanese Agency despatch from Shanghai.

The despatch adds that it is understood that all neutral ships have been asked to evacuate or withdraw from Hong Kong waters within 36 hours.

A 'communique' from Singapore says that the R. A. F. continued to carry out extensive bombing on enemy transports and troops attempting to land.

The United States destroyer "Preston" has been sunk during a Japanese bombing attack near Davao in the Philippines, according to unconfirmed reports from Manila.

Reuter's Staff Arrested

Several members of Reuter's Shanghai staff were arrested by the Japanese, it is learned.

THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DEFENCE BASES AT ALASKA HAVE BEEN PLACED IN A STATE OF ALERT IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE WARSHIPS HEADING THIS WAY AFTER HAWAII ATTACK.

STREET LIGHTS HAVE BEEN DIMMED.

CIVILIAN DEFENCE UNITS HAVE TAKEN OVER GUARD DUTIES AT SITKA AND FAIRBANKS, THE MILITARY CONCENTRATING ON THE DEFENCE OF AIRFIELDS.

Japs Landing At Thailand

Air reconnaissance by a Beaufort bomber this morning disclosed that landings were taking place in the Patani and Singgora areas in Southern Thailand. This British aircraft was engaged by six enemy fighters but returned to its base. Air raids were carried out by Japanese aircraft as follows:

About 4-15 a formation of Japanese aircraft attacked targets in Singapore area but no damage was done to military installations.

Some damage to property and casualties are reported from bombs which were dropped on Singapore town. After daylight attacks were made against three aerodromes in Northern Malaya.

Last night Japanese raiders were again over Singapore and dropped bombs. Anti-aircraft fire went into action immediately.

Blackout At Longbeach

A complete blackout of the harbour area has been ordered at Longbeach (California) by the Commandant of the naval district here.

The western seaboard of United States has been placed on an efficient war footing and most points between Alaska and San Francisco have been blacked out. Precaution have been taken against sabotage and the Japanese section in San Francisco has been roped off.

A heavy air attack on Fort Stotsenburg is also reported.

The American Government officials took charge of the office o the Japanese Domei News Agency at New York on Moday.

The Canal zone Government has decided to intern all Japanese residents and affirmed its intention to co-operate fully with the United States.

President Camacho of Mexico has declared suspension of relations with Japan.

An official army announcement from Manila on Tuesday says that more than 110 casualties have resulted from the latest Japanese bombing raids on various points of the Philippines.

At Nichols, hangars, army and officers quarters had the worst damage, one soldier being killed and ten wounded in a raid by ten Japanese planes.

Jap Emperor's Rescript

The Japanese Emperor's Rescrip declaring war on the United States and Britain states:—

"It has been truly unavoidable and far from our wishes that our Empire has now been brought to cross swords with America and Britain."

The Rescript puts the responsibility on Britain and America who "eager for the realisation of their inordinate ambitions to dominate the orient have aggravated disturbances in East Asia by giving support to the Chungking regime."

After enjoining on all Japanese to do their duty, the Rescript assures that "to cultivate world peace is a far-sighted policy which we take constantly to heart."

Only One Against

The National Broadcasting Company of America states that Congress passed President Roosevelt's request to declare war on Japan 25 minutes after the President had finished speaking.

Only one Representative Miss Rankin voted against the declaration of war compared with 50 Representatives against the declaration of war with Germany in 1917 and an angry "shish" greeted her.

Altogether there were 15 members of the House present who voted for war in 1917.

President Roosevelt will deliver a Radio address to the nation on all networks on Wednesday at 3 p. m.

According to White House the President will make "a more complete documentation" of the Ja

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U. S. MUST RETALIATE, SAYS LINDBERGH

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.

Isolationist Col. Lindbergh in a statement said that "Our country has been attacked by force of arms and by force of arms we must retaliate."

An attractive item in Uday Shankar's programme next Saturday at the Excelsior.

Go Headlong At Enemy

Far East Military Command's Order To Army, Navy And Air Forces

HONGKONG, Dec. 9.

"Japan's action to-day gives the signal for the Empire naval, army and air forces and those of Allies to go into action with common aim and ideals", states a joint Order of the day issued by Air Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British Commander-in-Chief in the Far East and Admiral Sir Tom Phillips, Naval Commander-in-Chief of the China station.

The order continues, "We are ready. We had plenty of warning and our preparations are made and tested. We do not forget that we have borne with dignity and discipline the petty insults and insolences inflicted on us by the Japanese in the Far East. We are confident that our defences are strong and weapons efficient.

Let us remember that we here in the Far East form part of great campaign for the preservation in the world of truth, justice and freedom.

Confidence, resolution, enterprise and devotion to the cause must and will inspire everyone in the fighting services while from the civilians we expected that patience, endurance and energy which is a great virtue of the east and which will go far to assist the fighting men to gain the final victory."—Reuter.

Burmese Premier At Hawaii

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.

The Australian clipper has landed safely at an unrevealed port in Hawaii according to the Pan-American Airways.

The Burmese Prime Minister U Saw, who is on his way home after his visit to Britain and the United States, is aboard.—Reuter.

SUPPORTING CHINESE FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Burma Bans Unlicenced Import From And Export To China

RANGOON, Dec. 8.

With a view to supporting the Chinese Foreign Exchange two notifications have been issued by the Burma Government. One prohibits bringing into Burma from China any goods not covered by licence issued by the Import Trade Controller, and certain other categories of goods.

The other notification prohibits the export of goods by air to China unless a declaration is made that foreign exchange representing fair market value of the goods will be disposed of in a manner approved by the Reserve Bank of India.—A. P.

War With Japan Proclaimed In Lords

LONDON, Dec. 9.

In the House of Lords Lord Moyne on behalf of the Government made a statement of policy similar to that made by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons.

Outlining some precautionary steps taken by the British authorities in the Far East and the Indian Ocean Lord Moyne said that vulnerable points were guarded and Japanese nationals interned.

Free France In State Of War With Japan

The French National Committee which met to-day under the chairmanship of General De Gaulle decided that a state of war existed between all Free French territories' land, naval and air forces and Japan, announces a communique issued from the Free French headquarters in London.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE: A joint Far Eastern Command communique on Monday noon says, "mopping up operations continuing in north Malaya near Kotabahru reveal that two landings were effected in south Thailand. Three British aircraft failed to return."—Reuter.

INDIA WITHIN EASY BOMBING RANGE

Lib.-Lab. Hope That Viceroy Will Not Declare War Without Consulting Central Legislature

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 9.

What will the Congress do? What will be Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other Indian leaders' attitude?

These questions are asked in Indian political circles in London following the declaration of war between Britain and America on the one hand and Japan on the other.

It is believed here that the war will come to the Indian frontier and that Burma and Bengal will come within easy bombing range. Labour and Liberal leaders sincerely hope that H. E. the Viceroy will not declare war in India's name against Japan without consulting the Central Legislature.

What Churchill Should Do

Meanwhile, a suggestion has come from Washington that as a result of the new situation in the Pacific, there is need for a fresh meeting between Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, and President Roosevelt. Some go so far as to urge the British Premier to fly, the idea being that the new situation calls for immediate new Anglo-American war plans.

The "Daily Mail's" diplomatic correspondent reveals: "President Roosevelt is said to have warned Mr. Churchill on the trans-Atlantic telephone a few days ago that Japan would be at war within a week."

Let India Declare War On Japan

An urgent session of the Central Legislature is demanded by Sardar Sant Singh, who in a telegram to the Governor-General, asks him to "obtain legislative approval for declaring India at war with Japan and thus consolidate Indian opinion on this important occasion."—A. P.

At German Request?

Political observers believe that Japan finally decided to attack the United States and British territories at Hitler's special request, but not without a counter-request from Japan that Germany would declare war against the United States within 24 hours after Japan's attack on the United States in the Far East. There is little doubt if Germany will oblige Japan in this matter.

As for Russia, Japan has not so far attacked the Soviet nor her war preparations indicate an attack in the immediate future. It is, however, believed that Stalin will identify himself completely with the Anglo-American Democracies by declaring war against Japan.

WAR LOOMING OVER INDIA, SAYS "C. P."

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 8.

"To-day brings us news of a very grave character. Japan has declared war on England and the United States. The first shots or first bombs have fallen in places not far remote from India.

War is approaching the country. What the war and offshoot and consequences of war might bring to India we cannot now say or prognosticate", declared Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayer, Dewan President, addressing the Chitra State Council this morning. —A. P.

JAPANESE IN COLOMBO ROUNDED UP.

COLOMBO, Dec. 8.

Following news of the Japanese action Japanese residents numbering about a dozen were rounded up and are expected to be sent for internment upcountry. Recently a large number of Japanese residents in Ceylon left for Japan. A partial blackout is being enforced from to-night in Colombo and other notified areas.

Seven Hungarians have also been arrested following the British declaration of war against Hungary.—A. P.

AUSTRALIA DECLARES WAR

CANBERRA:—Australia has declared war on Japan.—Reuter.

Labour And Liberal Support To Churchill

Britain Will Prove Equal To Additional Tasks

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Following Churchill in the House of Commons Mr. Lee-Smith, (Labour) expressed on behalf of the Labour Party deep approval and support to Mr. Churchill's declaration adding, "We are confronted with an initiation which was carried out with a turpitude and infamy equal to Hitler's.

British, Imperial and United States forces are now fighting side by side against the common enemy who is Germany's ally and whose attack upon the United States is part of a grand strategy of the German war machine."

Mr. Lee-Smith continued, "The first consequence will, I imagine, be that equipment from the United States may be delayed and to some extent diverted and this occasion once again calls for unceasing toil from the workers of this country and for unceasing effort to improve and maintain the efficiency in management control.

Now that we have by our side millions of man-power, and munition power which is almost beyond measure, we confront the new situation as resolute and more united than ever".

Sir Percy Harris (Liberal) said, "We had this opportunity to show the unity of the Commons behind the Government at this critical occasion.

Mr. Hore-Belisha (Liberal National) said that two detrimental things follow from Japan's act. Both Russia and ourselves will be deprived of the munitions on which we counted, but we can prove equal to the additional tasks.—Reuter

JAPANESE-U. S. WAR WILL NOT END LEASE-LEND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

Following is the text of the White House statement regarding Lease and Lend:—"Obviously Germany did all she could to push Japan into the war.

It was the German hope that if the United States and Japan could be pushed in to the war, such a conflict would put an end to the Lease and Lend programme.

As usual the wish was father to the thought behind the broadcasts and public announcements, emanating from Germany with relation to the war and Lease and Lend programme.

That such German broadcasts and announcements were continuously and completely 100 per cent inaccurate was shown by the fact that the Lease and Lend programme is and will continue in full operation."

Beware Of Japanese Fifth Columnists!

BATAVIA:—A warning to the population against possible Fifth Column action or an attempt to land Japanese airborne troops has been issued by Lieutenant-General Terpoorten, the Netherlands East Indies Commander-in-Chief. He urged the inhabitants to report to the authorities any information indicating a possible attempt to land parachutists. He also warned them not to leave their homes without their identification cards. At the same time the Netherlands East Indies Navy Commander invited inhabitants to report to the authorities any persons attempting to conceal Japanese nationals.—Reuter.

"Australia Would Resist Attocks"

MELBOURNE:—Sir Johan Latham, the first Australian Minister to Japan, in an interview here today declared "I repeatedly told the Japanese Government that Australia would resist attacks on her territory or those in which she was vitally interested. Let us hope that when we have wonmore enlightened and kindlier elements in Japan will contro national policy".—Reuter.

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